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A FESTIVE LOOK AT
Holton Road, Barry

Llantwit Major **ALIVE WITH LIGHTS**
this Christmas

Plaid Cymru thinks Natural Resources Wales is 'jumping the gun' on biomass permit

LAST week, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) said it was likely to grant a permit for the biomass plant at Barry docks - but Plaid Cymru's Barry councillors think it is a case of 'jumping the gun'.

Before a final decision is made, NRW has said it will share the findings of its assessment and the draft conditions for the proposed permit.

It has pledged to

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begin a new consultation period which will run from late November for a minimum of four weeks.

It will provide an opportunity for people to comment on the 'draft decision'.

NRW said it had scrutinised the application closely and

would be happy to consider any new evidence or information that was relevant to its decision.

Plaid Cymru leader on Barry Town Council, Cllr Shirley Hodges, said there were key issues which should give NRW pause for thought.

Cllr Hodges, who called a special council meeting earlier this year which led to experts Capita writing two reports on plant safety, explained: "NRW are jumping the gun in recommending a licence be granted while so much information is still missing and while revised planning permission is still being sought for the site."

"They should err 100 per cent on the side of caution, rather than hedging their bets and our public health and safety as Barry residents."

She added that the run-up to Christmas was not the best time to consider the relevant issues.

"No consultation should be held this side of the New Year 2018 so that their statement can be properly scrutinised by experts and local residents."

"Barry Town Council has previously brought in Capita as an independent expert to scrutinise the information provided by Biomass Ltd and, if relevant, then I hope councillors and the public will support us in doing so again so everything is done to ensure people's health and safety."

THE Vale Council ordered a replacement Christmas tree for King Square in Barry after the original one was criticised for being less than full-bodied.

Passers-by had mocked it for 'lacking branches'.

In just a couple of days, on Saturday, November 25, the new tree will take centre stage when the town's festive lights are switched on at 5pm.

This weekend also sees a Christmas market being held by Holton Road Traders and the opening of the

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Ice Central rink in Central Park.

The rejected tree drew merriment on social media.

On Facebook, one man commented: "Where did they find that? Is the council trying to save money by getting a tree with less branches?"

Another contributor said: "Has it gone to the incinerator? A gift

from the council."

Vale Council cabinet member for regeneration and planning Cllr Jonathan Bird said as soon as the original was lifted into position, staff realised it was not up to scratch.

"The Barry town centre Christmas tree arrived on Thursday morning and once put on display, it was clearly not of sufficient standard."

"The council took the immediate step to remove the tree and the suppliers are sending for a replacement."

A more luxuriant Christmas tree duly arrived.

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Passers-by thought the first tree had a lack of branches.

Big Christmas light switch on in Barry

HIGH STREET Traders
switch on their Christmas
lights tomorrow, Friday,
November 24 at 5pm.

Lots of entertainment is planned and the event runs from 4pm until 7pm.

It's an indoor-based event and the road will remain open.

On Saturday, November 25, the lights go on in King Square at 5pm. At 5.30pm the Central Park ice rink will be open - see page 3 for more details.

Christmas Selection Box Appeal

Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis of...



Boxes for their Selection Box Appeal. All donations will be given to the local charity Vale Food Bank.

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Barry incinerator – WHAT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

AT last the Welsh Government has shown its hand through National Resources Wales (minded to approve the licence for the incinerator on Barry docks), the agency that reports to Lesley Griffiths AM who in turn, reports to Carwyn Jones First Minister.

Wales has thrown its hat in with the climate change deniers that support Donald Trump and his backward-thinking philosophy that burning for inefficient energy is ok as long as someone else, preferably a third world country, picks up the carbon CO2 bill.

Meanwhile back home in Barry people

will pick up a future generation's health bill from the increased pollution no one wants to measure (most importantly carbon CO2 left out of any calculation by national government, local government and very conveniently, Biomass 2 Ltd). The Welsh Government, by allowing this, can only be assumed to be complicit in this big business campaign by cowering our elected representatives with a financial cosh (the threat of legal action against the Vale Council by Biomass/Aviva).

The next logical step must be for the devolved government of Wales to leave the Paris Agreement on climate change, join the USA in the tax break, 'profit above all else' club.

Paul Robertson, Barry.

'We need number 90 bus service back' READER

AFEW months ago, Harton Coaches lost its contract with the Vale Council and the number 90 bus service was terminated.

To date, there has been no indication about the future of this service.

It was the only service to come along Skomer Road and through Pencoedre village as it ran from the Waterfront to Culverhouse Cross.

Its demise has left this large area of east Barry without a bus service.

May I, through the medium of The GEM, on behalf of the residents of this deprived part of Barry, ask the council to reinstate our bus service as soon as possible.

Robert Evans, Barry.

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'Welsh Government is saying one thing and doing another'

ITHOUGHT that having a devolved Welsh Assembly Government would bring decision making closer and more responsive to the people AMs represent.

I voted Labour because I believed they were closer to my world view of social fairness and had promised a green and more connected future for myself and my young family.

I was proud when the Labour Welsh Assembly Government introduced the 'world-leading' piece of legislation the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 and a Future Generations Commissioner to oversee and deliver "The Wales you want."

I am devastated by the decision of Natural Resources Wales to grant a licence to the incinerator/gasification plant (built "at their own risk" by Aviva/Biomass Ltd) to operate just metres from Barry town centre.

What is just as concerning is the carbon footprint, as this method of waste

incineration/energy production will affect climate change for the worse.

I feel by voting for the empty promises and believing the Welsh Government can make a difference, I have let my four-year-old girl and two-year-old boy down.

Our future generations will have to live with a 25-year sentence imposed on them by Aviva/Biomass Ltd, aided and abetted by a Welsh Labour Government, enabling private profit to overrule public concerns for local air quality and worldwide air pollution.

An exemplary example of 'world leading' saying one thing and doing another.

Fred Phipps-Harkus, Barry.

Flood prevention work is not that disruptive

HAVING read on the front page of The GEM recently the moans of businesses in Boverton regarding the flood prevention work, I fail to see how the work has caused a downturn in trade.

Firstly, signs have been put up directing people to routes to get to the Boverton Castle pub, and, when Eagleswell Road was closed, you could still drive down to the pub if you wanted and walk across the road to Simon's Plaice.

With Simon's Plaice, the same applies; if you wanted to, you could still have driven down

Boverton Road to the chip shop. But to blame the work is an excuse.

Maybe blame people who are too lazy to walk a few feet and just want to park right outside the front door of shops?

Perhaps if the shops concerned offered money off drinks or fish and chips for one hour between 6pm and 7pm, people would turn up.

You don't see the Boverton Post Office or hairdressers complain, and you have to take the good times with the bad. After all, you do make a profit, otherwise you wouldn't be there.

What about the people who have been flooded year in, year out?

Lyn Rees, Boverton.

Beach clean more important than ever

ACCORDING to BBC's Blue Planet 2, around 8 million metric tons of plastic waste enter the ocean every year, where it can prove fatal to marine life.

So who's up for a litter-pick next Sunday at 11.30am at Llantwit Beach? Lunch afterwards at the Beach Cafe.

Bring work gloves, and wear sensible clothing and footwear for the time of year.

Annie Paine, Llantwit Major

Aled's autism campaign

MY autism campaign started when I learned that the Welsh Government's autism strategy would not include funding for the voluntary sector.

I decided to campaign for greater emphasis on the voluntary sector when funding services for autistic people.

As an individual living with the condition of autism, I regularly use the service offered by Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru (ASCC), so getting long-term financial support for the charity is very important to me.

During the campaign, I had press coverage from media, including the Western Mail, Penarth Times and The Glamorgan GEM to keep the campaign high profile.

Throughout the campaign, I wrote letters to the Welsh Government but received replies that just raised more questions. I asked them why they were just aiming to give the £13m available for autism to the statutory sector and I called on

them to launch a public consultation on the issue.

In order to raise money for the charity, I took part in a charity event, 'Gauntlett Games', with other supporters of ASCC, and, as a team, we raised over £600.

As a member of Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales, I was determined to strengthen the campaign with the party's support. It gave me an opportunity to combine my political work with the campaign for autism in a very effective way.

I prepared a policy for the party with members of Plaid in Penarth. I addressed the annual party conference at Caernarfon and the policy won the support of delegates from all parts of Wales. I am very pleased my campaign has been so successful and hope the Welsh Government will accept our point of view that funding should go to the voluntary as well as the statutory sector.

I believe that it is imperative that the National Assembly for Wales fully supports the proposed Welsh Autism Bill.

Aled Thomas, Penarth.

LONG WAIT FOR NEW ROAD?

IN reply to Ade Pitman, who supports the Northern Access Road at St Athan, writing in The GEM, we moved to Howe Mill Farm in 1947 and we were warned to expect that we would get land taken from us, as they were building a wider road from Cowbridge to St Athan and it was sure to happen as it was planned pre-War, before St Athan was built.

That was 70 years ago. I am still waiting to see it, so don't hold your breath.

JM Whittton, Cowbridge.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
23 Thur	08.53	9.0	21.09	8.8
24 Fri	09.28	8.6	21.44	8.4
25 Sat	10.09	8.3	22.31	8.1
26 Sun	10.59	7.9	23.31	7.8
27 Mon			12.09	7.7
28 Tues	00.47	7.6	13.21	7.8
29 Wed	01.56	8.0	14.35	8.3
30 Thur	03.09	8.4	15.36	8.9

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Disused Dinas bridge is slated for demolition



A DISUSED bridge in Dinas Powys could cause flooding during stormy conditions, local councillors have claimed.

They want to know why the bridge on Cross Common Road wasn't demolished following the creation of an alternative route onto the main road.

Plaid community councillor Richard Grigg said: "It was interesting to learn that Natural Resources Wales had considered removing this bridge to reduce flood risks."

"The Vale had indicated that by now the disused bridge would have been demolished." Cllr Grigg said that the supports of the bridge act as a barrier to fast-flowing water, and can also cause a build-up of debris.

Fellow Plaid councillor Chris Franks said: "If a serious incident occurs there is a very real threat to people's homes. Local houses were flooded in

the past and the existing situation is unacceptable.

"The disused bridge is coned off with huge barriers which looks a mess."

The head of visible services and transport at the Vale Council, Emma Reed, said: "The Cross Common Bridge is proposed to be demolished and the council is working on a detailed design and procurement for the demolition works."

"It is hoped that will begin within the next three to six months. This requires careful planning and liaison with existing utility companies and National Resources Wales."

"In the meantime, both residents and councillors should be reassured that the wooden props, which have been raised as a concern, and potential cause of flooding within the area were removed immediately following the opening of the new Cross Common Road junction. There is no longer an obstruction within the middle of the river channel."

A bridge to far? Plaid councillors at Cross Common Bridge.

Winter concert at Dinas Powys

THE Winter Concert by Cerddorfa Dinas Powys Orchestra, musical director Antony Tarlton and leader Simon Carter, will take place on Sunday, December 10 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys (CF64 4AF).

The orchestra is delighted to welcome Charlotte Ellett (soprano) and Caroline Greenwood (harp) as our soloists. Charlotte was born in Llantwit Major and studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and the National Opera Studio.

She made her professional principal debut at Glynebourn

and has regularly performed on the concert and recital platform in some of the world's best known concert houses.

She is passing her skills and knowledge on to young people by her teaching and as a music specialist in various primary schools.

Caroline studied at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. She has enjoyed a varied career performing solo recitals and working with various orchestras and ensembles.

Her performances have elicited praise from her audiences, including members of the Royal Family and heads of state, both in Wales and in London.

She is passionate about music education and for 10 years has run a small harp orchestra for young people in south Wales.

The concert opens with Beethoven: Egmont Overture followed by Debussy: Danse Sacree et Profane for Harp and Strings. Following the interval: Mozart's Exsultate, Jubilate for Soprano and Orchestra with Beethoven: Symphony no 8 to close.

Tickets are £8 (£4 under-12s) and include a mince pie and glass of wine or soft drink. Tickets are available from Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys; Griffin Books, Windsor Road, Penarth, or from any orchestra member.

They will also be available on the door on the night. For further details about the orchestra visit www.cdpo.org.uk telephone 029 2070 6288 or follow on Facebook.

ICE CENTRAL, the temporary skating rink behind the library in Central Park, Barry will run from Saturday, November 25, until Friday, December 1.

Last year more than 3,600 people visited the facility, and this year an even bigger skating area will be installed.

A marquee structure will cover the rink, which ensures that skating can take place regardless of the weather.

Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/barryice2017.



Kelly Woodward is found safe and well

SOUTH Wales Police announced on November 20 that Dinas Powys resident Kelly Woodward, missing since October 31, had been located and is safe and well.

Officers thanked the public and media for their assistance.

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Oak Field Primary School pupils with Mark Ellis and Ian Williams.

Oak Field Primary School receives brand new minibus

OAK FIELD Primary School, in partnership with the Vale Council's 'Community Investment' team, has secured funding for a new minibus.

A spokesperson said: "The minibus will develop and enhance partnerships between the school and the wider community, who will be able to gain access to the bus for community use."

Headteacher Ian Williams commented: "This is an exciting time for the school and community of Gibbonsdown. The

minibus will provide a wider community.

whole range of opportunities to greatly enrich the lives of all the pupils and adults in the

work and also to the Trust that provided the funding to make this venture possible."

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Short story writer entertains Barry men

BARRY Men's Forum recently welcomed Phil Carradice, a native of Pembroke, who was educated at the University of Wales and his topic was 'An Accidental Writer'.

After gaining his degree, he entered the field of education, becoming a teacher, and to supplement his income, he embarked on writing short stories and poetry. He taught in East London,

Tunbridge Wells and finally at Headlands Special School, Penarth.

To date, he has written over 70 books full of humour and wit, many drawn from his time travelling the world and working for The Times newspaper.

The Men's Forum meet every Thursday at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry at 10am for tea and coffee, followed by a guest speaker.

Top marks... School takes 'Understanding Disability' award

THE 24th Understanding Disability Awards for promoting positive attitudes towards people with a learning disability were presented on November 7 at an awards ceremony held at the Future Inn Hotel in Cardiff Bay.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Bob Derbyshire, together with the Mayor of the Vale Council, Cllr Janice Charles, presented awards to an employer, a local group, a volunteer, a child, an individual and a school to celebrate the inclusion of people with learning disabilities in the community.

And there was a winner from The GEM's area: Palmerston Primary School of Barry, which



was presented with a Highly Commended award in the School category (pictured above).

A spokesperson said: "This school is recognised locally as having an excellent reputation for inclusion of children with

disability or special needs in all aspects of education.

"The school practices some innovative ways of achieving inclusion, particularly its 'Forest School' where the children spend time outdoors with hands-on practical learning such as

cooking on camp fires, erecting dens and using tools."

The spokesperson also said that the school arranges trips that are accessible to all children, enjoys good links with a local special school, sharing school visits and best practice.

It's a Dickensian evening at Dinas!

ROTARIANS, along with Father Christmas in his grotto, will take over Dinas Powys Square on Friday, December 1.

The annual Dinas Powys Dickensian Fair takes place in and around the Dinas Powys village square on December starting around 6pm and continuing until 8.30pm.

The event is supported by a host of local businesses, organisations (mainly voluntary) and community groups who use the fair as an opportunity to raise money on their stalls.

Funds raised by the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys will be donated to local village organisations and support a wide range of local charities.

The fair is a family event for the young and not so young, with an array of stalls, fun, food, drink and entertainment to suit all ages. There is chance to win prizes, and to pick up crafts and gifts that will make ideal Christmas presents. There will be plenty of hot food and drink on sale such as cawl, mulled wine, cakes and burgers.

Locals can listen to brass band carols and take their children to see Father Christmas with his elves, in his grotto, where every child will receive a gift.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys, contact Martyn Williams on 02921 157764 or email martyn354@sky.com.

Barry Soroptimists at annual conference

TWENTY-THREE members of SI Barry & District joined 1,200 other members of world-wide women's organisation Soroptimist International Great Britain & Ireland (SIGBI) at the annual conference held this year in Cardiff.

Club member Jane Hutt welcomed the delegates to Wales at the opening ceremony. Judith Lewis played a major role in the AGM as Federation director of finance and Iris Hopkins of Dinas Powys jointly compered the closing ceremony with Carwen Wynne Howells from Haverfordwest.

The club belongs to Soroptimist International which has more than 80,000 members in 130 countries. The organisation helps shape policies advancing the progress of women at the United Nations.

The elimination of all kinds of violence to women, the education of women and girls and the provision of clean water and sanitation are

among the organisation's chief concerns.

At the three-day conference in Cardiff, Soroptimists heard inspirational and entertaining talks from Dame Katherine Grainger, Great Britain's most decorated female Olympian, and Mandy Hickson, one of the first female pilots flying multi-million pound fast jets for the RAF.

Two major themes ran through this conference – Violence Against Women and Modern Slavery. Michael Kauffman, founder of the White Ribbon Campaign, addressed conference promoting gender equality and positive ideals of manhood.

UK Anti-Slavery Commissioner Kevin Hyland gave a video presentation supported by Kim-Ann Williamson, Angelina Rodrigues and Stephen Chapman, Welsh Government Anti-Slavery co-ordinator.

Clubs throughout the federation are addressing these themes with their own projects.

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Santa Sleigh routes to be announced on Bro Radio!

BARRY Round Table have teamed up with local radio station Bro Radio to announce its 2017 routes live on air.

The station will broadcast a 'Barry Round Table Takeover' on Sunday, November 26, between 6pm and 8pm, looking back at what Barry Round Table has achieved during 2017 and looking ahead to its Santa Sleigh Routes in December.

Barry Round Table have brought Santa and his Sleigh to and around the streets of Barry for over 30 years, raising money for local good causes while spreading Christmas cheer across the town.

Chief Elf, Barrie Dyer, said: "Over the last year we've grown to 10 members, which has allowed us to squeeze



Find out where Santa is visiting on November 26 live on Bro Radio!

three additional routes into Santa's busy diary.

"We are looking forward to sharing with the community what the money raised last year has allowed us to do and our exciting plans for December through the show."

Interim operations

manager, Nathan Spackman, said: "We've been working with Barry Round Table for the last few years and are proud to support their Charity Calendar and Santa Sleigh."

"Bro Radio aims to give local charities a platform to talk directly to the community and we can't wait for people to hear about the 2017 Barry Santa Sleigh."

You can listen to the show on Bro Radio on Sunday, November 26 between 6pm and 8pm via broradio.fm or search for 'Bro Radio' on the TuneIn Radio app - the full list of Santa Sleigh routes will be available after the show via the Barry Santa Sleigh Facebook page. NS

Library celebrates first anniversary

THE volunteers and trustees of Rhose Community Library are holding a concert to celebrate their first year of taking over the running of the library from the Vale Council.

The concert will be held in the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose on Saturday, January 27, and the doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm.

The library will welcome Bridgend Male Choir to perform with

soloist Tomi Turner, a local teacher, and will also feature two of his current pupils, a brother and sister act, Tomos and Nia Parry.

The Vale Ukulele Band will play during the interval while the audience use the bar facilities and the raffle is drawn.

Tickets (£8) will be sold during normal library hours and at Chris Davies, Estate Agents in Rhose.

Come and join in what promises to be a wonderful evening of song!

Police issue warning on stolen medicine

BARRY police are warning people about the dangers of people taking medication without a prescription after the theft of goods from a pharmacy on Holton Road on Tuesday, November 14.

A spokeswoman said: "Razors, deodorants and a distinctive yellow box containing medication were stolen during the burglary of a pharmacy in Barry."

"In the early hours of the morning, two unknown men forced entry to the

premises on Holton Road before grabbing the items and running off. An investigation into who was responsible is under way.

"Officers suspect attempts will be made to sell the stolen property on, and are appealing for people with information to come forward."

"Officers are also warning people about the dangers of taking medication without a prescription."

Anybody with information is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference *442056 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Park owner admits building regs breach

AT a court hearing this week, the owner of Barry Island Pleasure Park, Henry Danter, admitted failing to comply with building regulations.

He pleaded guilty to a charge that on or around April 4, 2017, in Barry, he contravened a provision in building regulations relating to the safety of a building, and section 35 of the Building Act 1984.

The hearing took place at Cardiff Magistrates Court on Monday, November 20, and sentencing will take place in January.

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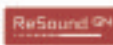
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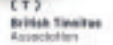
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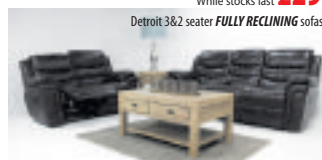
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The Penarth and District Ramblers cross the border

FIVE walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers joined Su G on a trip across the border to Monmouthshire, setting off from the Whitestone car park near Catbrook.

A forest track led them through Bargain Wood towards Llandogo, where benches engraved with lines of poetry are a reminder this area was graced by poets, including Wordsworth.

Descending to Upper Llandogo and crossing the Cleddon stream for another climb, morning coffee was enjoyed beside the Cleddon at Llandogo, which back in the 18 and 19th centuries, was renowned for its boat building.

Heading through Cuckoo Wood to a road and on through a wide forest pathway, another climb led them into a field and along a gravel path to a road.

Just south of Manor Wood, a road led them onto a by-way and a stop for lunch during which two deer were spotted in the woodland.

More forest tracks brought them to Cleddon Hall, the birthplace of philosopher, mathematician, writer and pacifist, Bertrand Russell (1872-1970).

Following the road to Cleddon Shoots, a waterfall tumbled steeply downhill to Llandogo. This area is classed as an SSSI, because the surrounding ancient woodland is an important area for the growth of mosses and liverworts.

A stone stile led the group into a green lane between stone walls and then along a road towards Catbrook for the

final tramp back to the start.

Six walkers joined William near the Angel Inn at Grosmont in Monmouthshire on a mild morning and, heading into fields, they descended to The Mill Farm and onto the 19th century stone Grosmont Bridge over the River Monnow.

Joining part of the long-distance Herefordshire Trail and passing the lodge to Kentchurch Court, the ancestral home of the Scudamore family, some road walking soon led them back into fields and uphill past Copse Wood for the gradual climb to the trig point on Garway Hill.

A stop for morning break beside the demolished World War Two radio tracking station was followed by a trek along the ridgeway and a descent to the hamlet of Bagwyllydiart.

Through fields on to Kilpeck, the group viewed the delightful Church of St Mary and St David, which is renowned for its glorious sandstone carvings and the magnificent row of carved stone corbels running outside of the building under the eaves.

Following lunch, they made their way to Pentwyn Common and along a bridleway past Lower Ridway Farm, with several old classic cars rusting in an outside shed, to reach Upper Ridway Farm.

A short road walk led to Cross Llyde and then through woodland at Cobbler's Grove and past Bridge Plantation, with its splendid views of the eastern Black Mountains in the distance.

They re-crossed the Monnow and headed

back through fields to Grosmont at the end of their 16-mile tramp, as the light began to fade.

On November 25, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk in the Llynfi Valley; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On November 26, meet at 8.30am at Cogan for a 13-mile moderate

walk taking in Chepstow and Tintern; contact John R on 029 2070 8294.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

PENARTH BURGLARIES – police appeal for information



A number of items were taken from two houses in Paget Road.

POLICE are appealing for information following two burglaries in Penarth on Monday afternoon, November 13.

Two houses on Paget Road were targeted between 9am and 5pm when both occupants were at work.

A Heuser watch and a BOSE sound link mini speaker were stolen from one property, and an iPhone 6 and cash was stolen from the other.

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Christmas in Dinas Powys

COME and join Dr Haydn Jones and the 'Ecumenical 7' around the Dinas Powys Community Council Christmas trees for carols on Friday, December 15, at 6pm.

Members of the renowned Bethesda Christmas concert cast will also be present. The Christmas trees are due to be erected in time for the Dickensian Night on Friday, December 1 starting around 5.30pm.

The tree located on the Twyn in the centre of the village will be a blaze of colour.

Traditional carols are planned and song sheets will be provided. There's no charge for this family event. Come along and have a lovely start to the festivities.

The evening is organised on behalf of the community council in cooperation with Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern and the Murchfield Community Association.

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MINCE PIE BINGO

THE Management Committee of Rhose Community Hall in Stewart Road, Rhose is holding its annual Mince Pie Bingo afternoon on Saturday, November 25; doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

At the half time break, there will be a Christmas-themed raffle and mince pies – all welcome.

Vale Council to 'engage' over parking charges

OPPOSITION is mounting against plans for the Vale Council to introduce parking charges in Barry town centre.

A petition is currently being organised by the traders against the plans.

Independent town councillor for Barry Court Ward Richard Bertin says the idea must be rejected or it will be a final nail in the coffin for the struggling town centre.

He said: "We must fight this all the way! I really cannot believe they are considering this again when traders are finding it so difficult."

"This would have a massive impact on our town centre. Studies have shown that people go elsewhere when parking charges are introduced."

"Just because the cabinet who make the decision don't live in Barry they still must take a serious interest in the biggest town in the country."

"It certainly is not good news and it is time they listened to the people of Barry."

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, said the council wanted a thriving Barry town centre and it has offered considerable support to traders in an effort to achieve that aim.

He said: "A forum has been set up to listen to their views, while pavement resurfacing took place in Upper Holton Road last March."

"This was part of the Castletand Renewal Scheme that has also seen 96 residential and commercial properties receive extensive makeovers since 2014."

"The council will bring an ice rink back to the centre of Barry over the festive season, this time for an extended period, which should attract large numbers of people to the area to further boost businesses."

"There will also be a Christmas lights switch-on event, another occasion that will attract crowds and so potential trade to the location."

The Vale Leader added: "The Wales Audit Office has recommended local authorities develop a strategic approach to introducing and reviewing charges amid increased budget pressures, particularly with the year-on-year reduction in the settlement afforded by Welsh Government."

"With this in mind, the council is exploring a range of options to generate income. We will do this in a comprehensive way and engage with all interested parties prior to reaching any conclusions."

No consultation on Dinas housing development



In recent years, Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group has been monitoring the high traffic levels in the village, and argues that more housing development should only take place when a relief road has been built.

THE Vale Council will not hold a public consultation with Dinas Powys residents over the 215-house development proposed at the former St Cyres Lower School site in the village.

The Vale's managing director, Rob Thomas, confirmed this to

members of the Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group on Tuesday this week.

Rod Harrod, chair of the group, told The GEM: "This means it's more important than ever for residents to make written objections about the plans before they come before the planning committee, probably on January 11."

Mr Harrod emphasised that most people who attended a recent public meeting at the Murchfield

Community Centre which highlighted traffic and housing issues were not against the development eventually taking place.

He explained: "But first the right highway infrastructure should be in place, as laid out clearly in the Local Development Plan."

"The estate shouldn't be built until a by-pass connects it with the site."

More on this story in next week's GEM.

Floral Society coffee morning
BARRY
The Floral Society will be holding its annual Christmas exhibition and coffee morning at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry on Tuesday, November 28 at 10.30am.

NRW permit

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Cllr Hodges continued: "If it is not 100 per cent safe, with every query properly answered, then they should not get a permit to operate."

The Docks Incinerator Action group held a meeting on Tuesday, November 21, at Seaview Club, Dock View Road, to discuss the next steps it would take in its campaign opposing the plant.

New tree for King Square



By Saturday, a more impressive tree was in place.

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Plaid Cymru councillor for the centre of Barry, Cllr Ian Johnson, said: "When I crossed King Square on Thursday morning last week, the Vale Council had erected a rather sad looking tree and removed it before I crossed the square again at lunchtime."

"I am surprised that nobody realised there was a problem before it was put up at full height."

"The Christmas lights switch-on at Holton Road is a big event in the Barry calendar and it's only right that there is a tree worthy of the occasion."

Air cadets' act of Remembrance



Cadets of 372 Squadron paying their respects.

RECENTLY, Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron, remembered the 110 fallen Barry soldiers from the great wars, by laying a cross of remembrance on each of their graves at Barry Cemetery, prior to Remembrance Sunday.

The air cadets have again continued the work of Phyllis Wells, who had been tending to the war graves for over 60 years at Barry Cemetery. The cadets' simple and yet poignant act of laying a cross and smartly saluting each headstone was very moving as the cadets remembered soldiers, sailors and airman many of whom were not much older than themselves at the time of their death.

Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton, Commanding Officer

paid tribute to the cadets for their assistance: "The Air Cadets once again did a wonderful job today, paying their respects to the soldiers of Barry who made the ultimate sacrifice and they should be rightly proud of what they have done."

This year was all the more poignant as the cadets have recently returned from a trip to Belgium and France. Their trip included visits to the Ypres Salient and Somme battlefields as well as memorials and cemeteries of world war one.

Gethin Lodge said: "I went on the recent trip to Belgium and understand the sacrifices which these soldiers, sailors and airman made. I am proud to say that this is the third year that I have paid my respects in this way."

The cadets who assisted were Gethin Lodge, Ellis Hinton, Jason Horton, Commanding Officer Peyton Bradshaw.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 12 (and in school year eight) to 17 years old. The Squadron parades on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour on Gladstone Road (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron by email to oc.372@aircadets.org.uk or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information.

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HOUSING ASSOCIATION SHORTLISTED FOR AWARD

NEWYDD, with more than 1,500 properties in the Vale, has been shortlisted for two categories in the Inside Housing Development Awards to be held at the Hurlingham Club in London on November 23.

Newydd's Development and New Business Team, who build 150 affordable homes across the Vale, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Powys each year, has been shortlisted for 'Best Development Team' at the prestigious awards.

Examples of their work include the redevelopment of a seaside hotel on Barry Island as well as rural homes designed to blend sympathetically with traditional nearby properties.

Regeneration projects in Barry working with the Welsh Government and the Vale Council have also earned



Newydd's Development and New Business team at a recent team building day.

Newydd a place on the shortlist in the 'Best Partnership' category.

Without the successful partnership between the three organisations in providing more than £1 million to revive the town centre, properties

at two locations in Barry would have remained vacant.

The successful partnership has supported job creation and economic growth for the area, tackled poverty by providing further affordable homes and supported the aim of the Welsh Government to improve the vibrancy and vitality of town centres.

Paul Roberts, chief executive of Newydd said: "Our staff are very ambitious and this is reflected not only in the

quantity of work they deliver but in the quality too.

"Our tenants tell us again and again that they love their new homes and this is down to the hard work of the team in thinking creatively, using partnership working to its best effect and ensuring that properties are delivered to a high standard and on time.

"I am very proud of them and wish them every success at the ceremony."

A Distinguished Gentleman's Ride – all in aid of Movember



Cllr Peter King, Alan Charles, Mayor Janice Charles, Gareth Williams and cabinet member Cllr Bob Penrose.

LAST month, 260 distinguished gentlemen took to their motorcycles in order to complete in the 'Classic Distinguished Gentleman's Ride', raising awareness for prostate cancer and men's mental health.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia, by Mark Hawwa. It was

inspired by a photo of Mad Men's Don Draper astride a classic bike and wearing his finest suit.

Mark decided a themed ride would be a great way to combat the often-negative stereotype of men on motorcycles, while connecting niche motorcycle communities together.

That first ride in 2012 brought together more than 2,500 riders across 64 cities. The success of the event encouraged the founder to consider how it could be used to

support a worthy cause.

Vale councillors Peter King and cabinet member Cllr Bob Penrose are avid supporters of the ride, and were pleased to be able to take part in and support the ride from Cardiff to Barry. The ride raised £10,976 in total.

Vale Mayor, Cllr Janice Charles, was pleased to meet the riders during their stop at Barry Island, and wished both councillors and the Movember campaign every success.

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Have your say on wellbeing in the Vale...

THE Vale Public Services Board (PSB) is consulting on its draft of the Well-being Plan – 'Our Vale – Our Future' and is asking for members of the public to share their views.

An online survey is asking for your thoughts and you can win a £50 voucher.

Members of the PSB include the Vale Council, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Natural Resources Wales, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Glamorgan Voluntary Services and South Wales Police.

They are working to improve social, cultural, economic and environmental well-being.

To share your views of the draft plan you can do the following: complete an on-line survey with a chance to win a £50 high street voucher; email your thoughts to ValePSB@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk; talk to staff from the different partner organisations when they are out and about under the Let's Talk banner across the Vale.

The consultation was launched at the end of September and will close on Wednesday, December 20.

In May this year, the PSB published its assessment of local well-being and this has informed the objectives and plan which the PSB is required to publish by May 2018, in line with its duties under the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

The four objectives are:

1. To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services.
2. To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation.
3. To give children the best start in life.
4. To protect, enhance and value the environment.

The plan includes a vision for the Vale in 2050 and the first steps which partners will take to achieve their objectives and deliver the vision for the future.

Take a look at the website for more information on the PSB.

For more information on the Well-being of Future Generations Act, visit gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en



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Marie Curie nurses receive nomination for national award



The PDS team in Penarth.

A MARIE CURIE nursing team based at the Cardiff and the Vale hospice in Penarth have been recognised for their work by being nominated in the 'Innovation' category at the charity's annual Peacock Awards.

The Personal Development Support (PDS) team is made up of Gill Davies (deputy ward sister), Rebecca Thomas (deputy ward sister), Jenny Staddon (deputy ward sister), Marla Muir (deputy ward sister) and Pam Penman (practice development facilitator and registered nurse). Three members of the team will be attending the awards which take place at the Foundling Museum, London next week (November 28).

In 2016, the training and development needs for the whole clinical team was reviewed and an action plan was put into place for mandatory training and to provide learning opportunities for staff. The aim was to help improve staff engagement and morale.

The PDS days were introduced by the team for all in-patient unit clinical staff and this work has continued

through 2017. This work has been instrumental in bringing the hospice staff together, developing nursing practice and improving patient centred care.

The Peacock Awards, now in their fifth year, were set up with the generosity of The Peacock Charitable Trust and give Marie Curie a unique opportunity to showcase the excellent care and dedication demonstrated by staff nationwide across the charity.

Pam Penman said: "Myself and the whole team were delighted to find out we had been nominated for the award. When planning the PDS days, we needed to ensure that we not only provided compassionate care at the hospice but

that our commissioners, patients and their families could also be assured that the care we delivered was evidence based and built around individual need.

"We're all really proud of what we've achieved and it is a fabulous recognition for the team's hard work and for all those we have worked with over the last 12 months."

Paula Elson, manager of the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, said: "It is great that the PDS team have been recognised for their hugely impactful hard work at the hospice. They have achieved all of this as well as delivering on their day job and deserve to be recognised for a very successful year."

Beach clean at Barry Island
NOVEMBER'S beach clean will be on Sunday, November 26, at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island. Volunteers should meet near Marco's Cafe at 3pm.

A spokeswoman said: "Our beach cleans only last for an hour and offers a great opportunity to do something for the community and have some exercise and fresh air at the same time."

"We welcome volunteers of all ages and people join us from outside Barry as well as from within the town. Litter pickers and bin bags are provided and we try and recycle as much waste as possible."

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Keith's moustache to help Marie Curie

A GREAT-GRANDFATHER who was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumours in September and given weeks to live is spending November growing facial hair in aid of a terminal illness charity.

Edward John, known as Keith to family and friends, has been staying at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth since October, and has pledged to grow a Chopper Read (a late and infamous Australian criminal) style moustache during November to raise money for Marie Curie.



Keith has started growing a moustache to raise money for Marie Curie.

The charity's Bridgeman Road hospice provides round-the-clock expert care and support to people

living with a terminal illness and their families. Since its launch, Keith's JustGiving page has had some £900 donated to the cause.

"I want to give something back to the hospice, who have been looking after me so well," said Keith, from Barry.

"I pledged to grow some serious facial and head hair in my final days. I haven't grown any facial hair since the 1970s, and have always shaved."

His son Mark, writing on the fundraising website, said: "My dad, Keith, is a truly inspirational man. He has lived his life always putting others first and always happy to help anyone out of a sticky spot. In fact, he has always put his family and friends before his own needs."

"This is another inspirational and worthy cause proving my dad is an all-round good egg and always looking to put a positive spin on things and help others," Mark added.

His daughter, Diane Chatwell, added: "My father is one amazing man, he is always thinking of others."

To donate to Keith's fundraising, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/keith-john2.



Welsh Language Charter is launched at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Primary School recently celebrated the launch of its 'Welsh Language Charter'.

On October 27, pupils, teachers and parents held a special ceremony to launch their commitment to the Welsh Language Charter.

Pupils from nursery to year-6 dressed in red, white and green, the colours of the Welsh flag, and celebrated their Welsh culture with songs and recitations.

Class 2 pupils showed their creative way of learning words and grammar accompanied

by their teacher Mr Elis on the ukulele.

Tara Bethan, a respected singer and actress, talked to the children about how the Welsh language has helped her career and later Tara gave Welsh language yoga lessons to the children.

The children finished with a rousing rendition of 'Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' and met Seren and Sbarc, the official Welsh Language Charter 'mascots'.

After the ceremony, representatives of each year who had been voted 'Welsh Pioneers' spent time showing parents Welsh apps which help support Welsh language

education.

Welsh organisations The Urdd, Mentor Bro Morgannwg and Welsh for Adults also attended the celebration and afterwards parents had time to discuss Welsh language activities in the local area.

It was all accompanied with delicious tea, Welsh cakes and bara brith baked by the school's PTA.

Menna Roberts, assistant headteacher, commented: "The Welsh language and its heritage are very important to us here at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg. Our launch of the 'Siarter Laith' was a great opportunity for us to share our Welsh

provision with parents.

"Siarter Laith is an extremely exciting initiative that aims to achieve one million Welsh speakers by 2050."

"Our aim as a school is to raise pupil's awareness of popular Welsh music and TV shows, encouraging them to enjoy these at home with friends and family."

"Our lunchtime supervisors have received special Welsh language training and are enjoying using Welsh phrases on a daily basis with the children – everyone is included in this project."

The Welsh Language Charter has been developed in primary

schools to provide a framework to promote and increase the use of Welsh by children in a social context.

As part of the charter, each individual school completes a baseline exercise to determine current language use, and then develop an action plan to work towards a bronze, silver or gold award. It encourages participation from every member of the school community, pupils, parents, school governors and the wider community.

The pupils released Welsh balloons to conclude the happy day.

Menna Roberts

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Eleri receives nomination for inspiration award



SIXTEEN-year-old Eleri Borges from Barry has been nominated for the Kids Count Inspiration Award 2017 and will be attending the awards ceremony later this year in Westminster.

Eleri, a previous St Andrews Major school pupil, has been recognised through the nomination for her

outstanding voluntary work in and around her hometown of Barry.

The nomination is for Kids Count's Inspiration award which is given by the youth-led charity to young individuals who go that extra mile to improve their local area.

Despite having only sat her own GCSEs this year, Eleri tutors other pupils on the best revision techniques, through a scheme called Step Up To GCSE. In addition, she trains young swimmers at the local leisure centre every week, and has even volunteered at a veterinarian surgery.

Since losing her grandfather to cancer, Eleri has raised hundreds of pounds for Teenage Cancer Care as well as Marie Curie.

Eleri is also a frequent foodbank volunteer and has participated in Kellogg's Corn Flakes' scheme to provide low or no income families with a daily breakfast.

Upon receiving confirmation of the nomination, Eleri said: "I was completely surprised to be told that I had been nominated for such an award. I volunteer and fundraise because I want to give something back to my local community

and help those around me. I never expected to be recognised in this way."

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who nominated Eleri for the award said: "Eleri is one of life's leaders and is destined for great success. Intelligence aside, she is a caring and thoughtful individual who dedicates such a considerable amount of her own time to helping others. I sincerely hope that the Kids Count charity will recognise her hard work and reward her during the ceremony."

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Press Gang pupils pay GEM a visit



"Here is the news..." Two members of Press Gang. Photo by Mike Wilcock.

Pupils of Press Gang with the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Sian Vaughan and her husband and consort, Rob. Photo by Mike Wilcock.

PRESS Gang, a group of aspiring journalists from Dinas Powys Primary School and Ysgol Y Ddraig, visited The GEM's offices last week.

Andy Johnstone of the editorial team invited the children following his visit to their school [The GEM, October 26], so that they could find out more about how to put their own newspaper together.

On arrival, the children were surprised to meet some important people: the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Sian Vaughan, and her husband, and consort, Rob.

A variety of interesting questions were asked by the Press Gang and they learnt that: her favourite part of her role is being able to represent the community of Cowbridge and meet lots of people; she doesn't get paid; her mother and father had previously held the position.



The children were very interested in her Chain of Office, finding out that it was pure gold, 130 years old and kept in a safe in the Town Hall.

Mike Wilcock, local photographer, was also on hand to give some tips and advice on how to take the perfect photograph.

After a tour of the building and a chat to some of the staff at The GEM, Press Gang returned to their schools, full of enthusiasm, ideas and information for their very own newspaper.

A big thank you to The GEM from Press Gang.

Reporters: Joseph Buckerfield; Emily McDonagh; Orla Payne; and Jasmine Williams (YYD); and Amy Wintle and Rosie Robinson (Dinas Powys Primary School).

A footnote from The GEM...

These children, some 19 in all on the day, are impressive ambassadors for their schools.

Their questions displayed a level of interest and curiosity that belied their years, and with that childlike way of being direct – always a good trait for those in the Fifth Estate – could be disarmingly, yet politely,

blunt.

Perhaps none the children of Press Gang is going to embark on a career in journalism; perhaps each of them is a little young to know.

However, the skills they display – working hard, questioning those with responsibilities to others, working together, respecting differing opinions, having an interest in the world around them and the how and why of the way it ticks – will stand them in good stead for any career.

Kudos to the teachers, too, for supporting these children in their endeavours.

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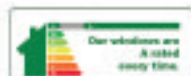
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Then, on Monday, December 11, former Welsh International Lee Byrne will be interviewed by Phil Steele about his new autobiography, 'The Byrne Identity' at Old Pens PFC, starting at 7:30pm.

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Justice League unite – and the results are enjoyable, if flawed...

It wasn't going at all well. Lofty plans of Warner Brothers and DC Comics creating a cinematic universe for their characters, a la Marvel, were left floundering after the lukewarm reaction to *Man of Steel*, the contempt for *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, and the out-and-out hatred of *Suicide Squad*.

There were suggestions the universe would be slowly phased out, left to slowly decompose and, then – *Wonder Woman!* Patty Jenkins' incredible take on the Amazonian (who had lit

up *BvS* thanks to Gal Gadot's superb turn) suddenly took the pressure off the (unofficially-named) DCEU, and means that the latest entry in the universe, *Justice League*, has some momentum behind it.

Following the death of Superman (Henry Cavill) in *Dawn of Justice*, Batman (Ben Affleck) and Wonder Woman (Gadot) become aware of a greater threat than they have faced before – Steppenwolf (voiced by Ciaran Hinds), who is intent on tracking down three Mother Boxes which will allow him to enslave the universe.

In order to stop Steppenwolf's scheme, they track down and recruit some other

'gifted' individuals – Barry Allen, or The Flash (Ezra Miller), who has the ability of super speed, Cyborg (Ray Fisher) who was created from the remnants of his body following an explosion and melded with one of the aforementioned Mother Boxes, and the Atlantean Arthur Curry, or Aquaman (Jason Momoa). Can this team foil Steppenwolf's nefarious plan, or will the return of someone long thought lost tip the scales in their favour..?

The amount of bad press the DCEU (for want of a better name) has been given would have made you think Donald Trump had invented the concept. The truth is that while the films are flawed, they have been the first tentative steps at building something cohesive and united, not without missteps along the way.

Wonder Woman was a course-correction and *Justice League* continues the universe's move into lighter territory (well, as light as aliens wanting to enslave the universe can be), and while it's a film that is certainly flawed, it's also a film that is very enjoyable.

Zack Snyder seems to have certainly taken the criticisms of *BvS* on board, and along with Joss Whedon (who was brought on to finish the film after Snyder suffered a family



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tragedy) they have crafted a film that expands the worlds of these characters.

Those who find elements of Snyder's films lacking will have plenty to pick on here – the story is a far too-simplistic one, replete with CGI villain on 'taking-over-the-world' setting, the two-hour running time not giving the story enough time to really breathe, and some of the CGI work is questionable, along with another climax involving the wanton demolition of an inhabited area.

But the film doesn't have the air of misery and joylessness that so coloured *BvS*; whether conscious or emboldened by how *Wonder Woman* proved people enjoy their superheroes with a slice of colour, the film has a lightness of touch best shown by Ezra Miller's

Flash, who brings a level of levity that is much needed, with a joyful turn.

Jason Momoa is strong as Arthur Curry (the 'Aquaman'), who gives the *Justice League* a shot of charisma and Ray Fisher resonates in a turn that requires a fair amount of brooding, but whose backstory means that brooding is more than justified. What's worth noting is while we dig into the backstories of these characters, we certainly could have benefited from spending more time with them.

Of the established cast, Gal Gadot is yet again charming and hard as nails as Wonder Woman, giving another superb performance, while Henry Cavill's return as the 'Man of Steel' is a welcome one, again the character benefiting from being given a dash of humour.

If there's a weak link in the team, then it's Ben Affleck. While his performance is far from terrible, he feels like an awkward presence here (and if rumours are to be believed, then this is a performance of a man who has already tired of essaying Batman), something of a sore thumb amongst the gods and monsters battling it out. The character has done it in the comic books plenty of times, yet here it just seems like the fit doesn't quite work.

What does work is the

comic book sensibility that the film injects, the meeting of these characters (the majority for the first time along with established secondary characters like JK Simmons' Commissioner Gordon or Cyborg's father, Silas Stone) having a magical air about it that fans will no doubt relish.

While it's not the slam-dunk that perhaps it should be given the magnitude of what this film is (some of the DC roster joining together for the first time on screen), it is certainly an entertaining film that still gives hope for the long-term future of DC on film.

It'll most certainly have its detractors (something seemingly no DC project comes without) but *Justice League* delivers a solidly gratifying experience.

VERDICT: A stable DC effort that outstrips all before it, bar *Wonder Woman*, *Justice League* has the thrill of seeing some of DC's big guns all together for the first time on screen, but doesn't truly expand on it. A little more depth and breathing room for a more compelling story would have been helpful, but despite this it still makes for entertaining viewing.

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These two Vale of Glamorgan shows very much complement each other and both are very popular with the traders and with collectors.

Barry venue has plenty of free car parking (the Civic Centre next door offers its parking space for the Barry Sales). A great cafe will also be operating at the show.

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These will take place at Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend; admission is free.

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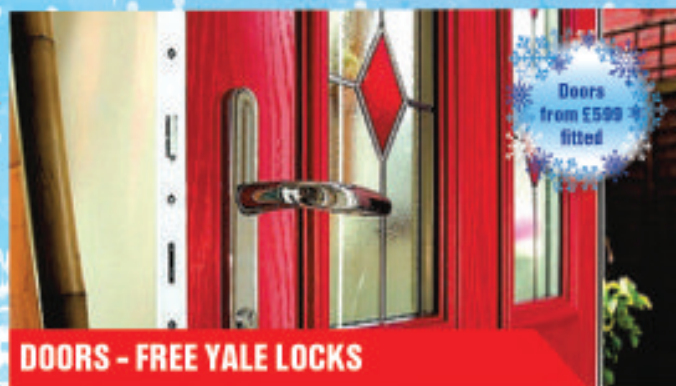
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Independent businesses are good for a community, with money staying locally and helping to fund a range of local activities.

This year, for instance, the traders around Holton Road will be playing their part in all the Christmas decorations and attractions.

What is more, this year there will be more Christmas sparkle than in previous years, as illuminated Christmas trees will be lining the road.

The Holton Road Traders Association vice chair, Rachael Williams, explained that the traders had secured funding from Barry Town Council's ShopLocal group to provide this extra spectacle.

The trees will not be covering the full length of the street, but it will definitely enhance the Christmas atmosphere.

As well as the new



Barry Music Shop is a must for every musician.

lighting, Saturday and Sunday will be marked by a wide range of activities and entertainment.

(For details of this two-day Christmas extravaganza, see the article on page 21)

Holton Road is full of well-established businesses that have been a vital part of Barry's economy not for just a few years, but decades.

It's a long road too, changing character as it wends its way from the Vale Council offices, past King Square and onwards past the multi-storey free car park.

It's fair to say that this end of Holton Road is a great place to test the water with a new business and a result, it is always well worth a look.

One very new

business is Nature House, where Adele and Kyle have been open for four weeks.

The shop has floral accessories and bouquets for all occasions, from wreaths to table arrangements.

The shop is also keen to be part of the community, Adele explained: "When we opened we started a kids club on Thursdays at 4.30pm."

"It has proved very popular and the kids have been decorating pots, and will soon be planting mini Christmas trees in them."

"They will also be making Christmas ornaments as we get closer to the big day."

Practical classes are not just for the children at Nature House. On December 20, Adele is hosting a Christmas table arrangement class, at 6.30pm with nibbles and prosecco.

At the same end of Holton Road you will find the Barry Music Shop, run by John Lewis, who has been there a lot longer than Adele.

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ABOVE:
La Cucina – for food and drink from breakfast to lunch and with special tapas and cocktail evening events.



ABOVE:
Ruckleys is the only store in south Wales that stocks Reborn baby dolls.

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John is active in the Holton Road Traders Association and this weekend, is sponsoring the donkeys and Shetland ponies that will be on show as part of the Christmas extravaganza weekend.

Back at the other end of Holton Road, another fairly new business is Robert Johnson Funerals, run by Bob Johnson.

Bob said: "We opened up 16 months ago and we have been busy. I have also been able to take on an apprentice, 16-year-old Aron Cozens, and he is doing very well."

Bob feels that people shop around more now for funerals, as they are concerned about the cost in general, and hidden extras in particular.

He said: "I'm conscious that for some families there is now an element of 'funeral poverty' so we go out of our way to offer value for money."

Just down the road is La Cucina, a well-established business in Holton Road – it recently celebrated its 10th year – and owner Ferda is tuned in to his customer's needs.

Open from 8am to 5pm, it has what people

need as the day progresses, from breakfast options in the morning to tea or coffee and a snack mid morning, to a full range of lunchtime meals.

This covers lasagne, fillings for jacket potatoes, stir fries or club sandwiches, and a full range of meals, with a mix of English or Continental.

La Cucina is licenced too, and there is wine, beer and cocktails for anyone in need of a drink!

Once a month, towards the end of the month (usually on a Saturday) they have an evening event, with live music, tapas, and cocktails.

Ferda and his staff are tuned into the daily rhythms of Holton Road life, and know what their customers want.

Not far from La Cucina you will find Ruckley's, where Faye Ruckley has been in business for 12 years.

Open seven days a week, they really are a one stop destination store.

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Faye told the GEM: "We have some great offers this Christmas including the popular Elf on the Shelf box set

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Just around the corner in Regent Street is George's – a men's barbers run by George Armstrong.

George said: "I have been the owner here for 12 years now, and before that I was here for four years serving my time."

Being established for such a time means that George has an established clientele, attracted by the good service and friendly atmosphere.

Of course, fashions change, but George and fellow barbers get together from time to time to update each other.

The demand for his services has meant that George introduced an appointment system last year, and that is working very well.

Christmas is a busy time for George, and he is happy about that. New customers are still most welcome, of course.

At the other end of Holton Road is a business that has been trading for 34 years! Just Fancy, run by Jackie, is a real 'tip of the iceberg' shop.

The shop area is packed, but out back, room after room after room is full from floor to ceiling with costumes.

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She does sell the pre-prepared imported popular costumes of the day, but the heart of the business is the huge range of costumes – in great detail – that she has made herself over the years.

You'll find Henry VIII in all his finery, Cinderella going to the ball at her most dazzling, and so many other characters.

Local drama groups and schools still call on her services, so the range just keeps on growing!

If you are looking to make a grand entrance at a fancy dress party, Just Fancy could be just the place for you!

At the other end of Holton Road is another long-established business, TL Systems, which has been trading there for 21 years.

In fact, owner Dave Elliot doesn't know of a computer shop in the Vale that has been trading longer!

He told The GEM that computers get faster and screens get prettier, but certain things don't change.

He said: "These days, a popular line is factory refurbished laptops, and we can advise on which machine meets your needs. One important point is that they come with manufacturers' guarantees – usually 12 months and sometimes more."

Many of the big names, from Apple to Dell, are available through this scheme.

TL Systems also has a thriving service



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ABOVE: Beautiful jewellery at JKS.

business – they can come to you, or you can bring your computer to Holton Road.

The business also has a website service, offering web posting for businesses and individuals, and can also quote for setting up a website.

Not far away is Bella Vita, which recently opened next to

Domino's. Ceriann, the owner, has been in the beauty and hair business for many years.

Her daughters, Simone and Elysia, along with Stevie and Ellie, work in this friendly business.

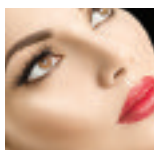
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THE Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, said that the town council has invested significantly in maintaining and increasing the level of Christmas lights and decorations in Barry.

"This year there are plans for decorations along Park Crescent. We continue to maintain the standard of lighting along High Street and have made a significant

contribution to the display along Holton Road.

"This is all part of the town council's 'Shop Local' campaign and aims to encourage shoppers into the town to support the many hard working local independent traders and staff.

"Although the town council has limited resources we are determined to do all we can to develop the economic life of the town."



The Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, says the town council is determined to have even more local people using local shops.

Holton Road all set to go Christmas crazy!

THIS Saturday, November 25, sees the beginning of Holton Road Traders' two-day Christmas extravaganza.

So, what are the key times that families need to know about on Saturday when the lights will be officially switched on?

From 3pm until 4.30pm there will be a lantern-making workshop, followed by a lantern parade.

The Christmas lights are switched on at 5pm, and at 5.30pm the Central Park ice rink will be open.

Of course, throughout the day there will be a lot more to see – performers taking to a stage on King Square and the festive market, with lots of stalls with Christmas gift ideas.

The Barry Music Shop is sponsoring donkeys on Saturday and Shetland ponies on Sunday.

There will also be a Santa's grotto next to the music stage and a chance for children to



King Square, Barry.

get a picture with Father Christmas.

There's is going to be a raffle over the two days with prizes donated by traders on Holton Road and crafters at the market. Among those providing prizes are

Papa Johns, CEX, Marshall's Butchers, Key West Cafe, Greenpoint IT, La Patisserie, Gruff Beard, and Crafted Arts. Emma Thorne of Holton Road Traders

said: "We have over 20 prizes up for grabs and they are fantastic!"

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Two tutors receive 'inspirational' teaching awards

TWO Vale of Glamorgan tutors have taken home Inspirational awards for their commitment and dedication to their pupils.

Sarian Thomas-Jones, a Learn Welsh in the Vale tutor was awarded Tutor of Year and Anne-Marie Edwards, who teaches on the 'Get Back On Track' programme, received the Learner Voice Tutor Award at the 2017 National Adult Tutor 'Inspire' Awards.

Organised by the Learning and Work Institute, the awards celebrate the achievements of exceptional tutors across the country, who have shown outstanding passion and commitment in their work in teaching others.

Both tutors, who are primarily based in Palmerston Learning Centre in Barry, were among seven across Wales to be awarded for their work at Cardiff's Atrium building as part of the University of South Wales.

Sarian Thomas-Jones works as a full time Welsh tutor, having learnt the language as an adult herself.



Anne-Marie Edwards (left) and Sarian Thomas-Jones.

She said: "I was delighted to receive the award and to be nominated by students is wonderful, as it comes from the heart."

Anne-Marie has been teaching at Palmerston for three years, after completing an adult counselling skills course, which lead her to gaining a counselling foundation degree with the Open University.

"Huge congratulations to both Annie Marie and Sarian for their achievements, and to be chosen as two of seven across the country is a testament to their hard work."

"As a council, we are pleased to support these

tutors and the classes they teach in Palmerston adult centre, and are committed to promoting the Welsh language across the Vale." – Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture, Cllr Bob Penrose.

For more information on adults courses across the Vale, take a look at the website.



LEFT: Ann Harhry and Jill Osborne of the Rotary Club of Barry presented gifts to the Llamau charity.

Rotary club backs Llamau's appeal

AS part of its commitment to supporting the local community, the Rotary Club of Barry recently presented a variety of gifts to the Llamau 2017 Christmas Appeal.

Llamau supports vulnerable young people and adults in the Vale.

President nominee Ann Harhry and president Jill Osborne recently visited Llamau to meet some of the staff and residents and present the

gifts.

The donations have been made possible thanks to the generosity of the general public supporting the Rotary Club's ongoing fundraising events.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Llamau Christmas Appeal can contact Llamau at their office situated at 236 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HS or telephone 01446 748853 or email jigso@llamau.org.uk

NEWS FROM CADOXTON WI

AT the meeting of Cadoxton WI on November 20, the president welcomed four guests.

The minutes were read and approved and the secretary and treasurer gave their reports.

Future events were discussed, including two carol services in December. Anne Marie Taylor gave an interesting talk about the Vale Foodbank and said she was delighted with the donations given by the members for the Christmas foodbank.

The raffles were won by Blanche Thompson and June Watkins.

Meetings are held at Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm every third Monday; contact 01446 404891 for further information.

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We go out of the office for hours on end, submit massive expenses bills and then dash off a page of copy with the deadline but seconds away.

Christmas is an ideal time for the Pootler. Papers up and down the land are preparing their festive features, and happenstance, this week it's Llantwit Major.

It's unfair to pick out one town as the best in the Vale; there are so many gems that it's more a cluster than a single precious stone, and Llantwit Major is perfect territory for the Pootler.

A crisp late autumn Friday saw me ambling through the town pleased at the number of independent shops and businesses, their range, and how busy they were.

So busy, in fact, that few had the time to talk.

Take Andy Brown of the rather appropriately named Andy Cars in Llantwit Major.

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He also said: "At Andy Cars, we make sure that the fare for the travel is set before the journey itself. This way, our passengers will know how much the journey will cost before you set off, with no hidden charges."

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Another busy person in Llantwit Major was Gordon Taylor, who helped found the New Hope charity.

Although the writer was looking forward to this being a reference to *Star Wars: Episode IV*, I was even more pleased to find out that it is the shop window of an organisation that, to quote, "provides relief for the sick and poor, by improving living conditions for those in the developing world".

More specifically, it is for those in need of water and medical aid in Nicaragua, and the



A step, or rather a drive, in the right direction: a hybrid Auris of Andy Cars.

charity was set up in the wake of a mudslide in Nicaragua near the turn of the century.

Ideal for those looking for a bargain Christmas present, either second-hand or a new donated item, Gordon is strident in his criticism of charity shops that sell ranges of new, not donated, goods.

Bargain-priced CDs, DVDs, homeware, clothes, books and lots more are in New Hope.

New Hope Charity Llantwit Major is on East Street. Telephone 01446 796633 for more information.

I wondered as I wandered through the town about Christmas decorations. Not for me the gaudiness of tinsel and a thousand twinkling lights, but something more restrained, tasteful and natural.

And so I ambled across the road the The Flower Shop, looking for a centre piece for the prandial table, a wreath for the front door and a bouquet of pretty flowers to keep the little



Plenty of choice in The Flower Shop.

woman happy.

Sarah, whose delightful shop it is, was busy serving customers doing what florists do, her nimble fingers artfully creating from a few choice blooms delights that would add grace to any Christmas home.

Sarah also directed me to a range of pieces: Welsh slate pieces – cheeseboards, signs, hearts and more – from Valley Mills, based in Crynant in the Dulais

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There are prices to suit all pockets, and a special Black Friday offer: place a Christmas order between Friday, November 24 and Monday November 26 and have 10 per cent taken off your order.

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Pausing for a break – a Pootler requires frequent stops for coffee and other refreshments – in my busy schedule of walking around town, at Dixie's (recently nominated for one of the Countryside Alliance's 'Rural Oscars'), I bump into Clare Ingram from Llantwit's Chamber of Trade.

Clare tells me of recent goings on and how the chamber is progressing at a steady pace, and a few details of Christmas.

She said: "The chamber is very pleased to have worked closely with the town's Event Committee this year to be able to show the beautiful town in all its festive glory."

"The many shops and businesses in the town have decorated their premises and entered into the spirit of The Christmas Window Competition which will be judged on the evening of Friday, November 24."

She added that many

of the shops are joining in with the Christmas competition of finding Santa's Elves with the winning entry form drawn on Friday, December 22. Top prize is a large selection box.

"The chamber – which is working with the Mayor, Cllr Jayne Norman, to make the town 'dementia friendly' – has had a busy year," said Clare.

"Hunt the Bunny event at Easter, Victorian Fair window competition, Poppy Fortnight..."

"It's wonderful that nearly all of the businesses in the town have now joined, we are looking forward to planning various events next year; the next meeting will be a social event in The West House Hotel in February."

Any businesses that would like to join should contact Clare at llantwitmajorchamber@yahoo.com.

Speaking of the Mayor, Cllr Norman writes: "It's that time of year again when everyone's thoughts turn



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to Christmas and all that goes into to make it special in our own way. Whether you are looking for presents for family or friends, or even just an excuse to treat yourself (or let others treat you!), look no further than Llantwit Major.

"We are fortunate to have a thriving town. And with many individually owned shops selling unique

items, as well as some of the more well-known stores, you are bound to find something to please everyone."

"Or why not visit the Christmas Market on Saturday, November 25. With its large selection of stalls, and activities for the children throughout the day, it will make for a fantastic day out for all the family. And why not stay on after dark to see

the lantern parade and the switching on of the Christmas lights in the town? Maybe even get a bite to eat in one of the many cafes, restaurants and pubs?"

Whatever you do, you can be sure of a warm welcome in Llantwit Major.

"May I, as Mayor, and, on behalf of the Llantwit Major Town Council, take this opportunity to wish you

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Llantwit Major **ALIVE WITH LIGHTS** this Christmas

A high street is for life, not just Christmas



Sunkissed's Emily (left) and Billie.

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Sandra continued: "One-on-one, stress free environment, and I am pleased to launch the Animal Reiki Healing Therapy service in December (a wonderful relaxing and healing energy therapy). We also offer pet sitting visits for cats and other small pets when you are away."

Rosypaws is on East Street. Search on Facebook, telephone 01446 677570, or visit www.rosypaws.co.uk.

Heading out of town for a minute, I meandered to St Donat's Castle to find out more about its Crafts for Christmas event on Sunday, December 3.

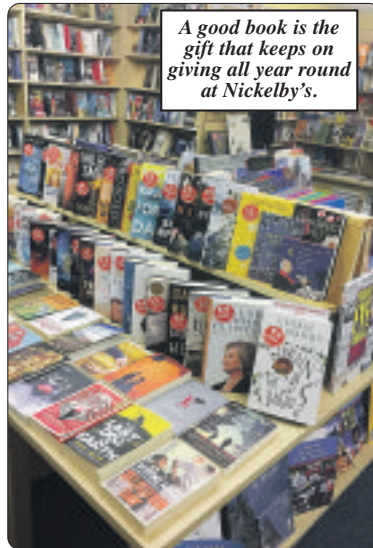
Open from 10.30am to 4.30pm, this annual craft fair showcases a wonderful mix of handmade crafts and food exhibitors; the perfect opportunity to commence your Christmas shopping.

More than 50 stalls will be on display, and there will be the return of 'artisan' baker Alex Gooch to the food hall. There will also be a bird of prey display, Santa, live music and a range of refreshments offered – including street food – throughout the day.

Entrance is £6 per car or £2 per person on foot.

For more information, visit events.atlanticcollege.org.

Browsing is another Pootler pastime, and a good bookshop is an ideal place to do it, and Nickelby's



Bookstore in Poundfield Precinct is once such place.

It offers services not usually provided by small bookshops, and, for the JR Hartleys out there, John and his team, Kath, Cheryl and Lydia, claim to be able to find any book, in- or out-of-print, from anywhere in the world, and they enjoy the challenge.

They will also deliver books free of charge to customers who can't, though illness or disability, get to the shop.

John said: "We also offer a wide range of new and popular books and will quickly obtain anything not in stock. Christmas is our busiest time of year and we are happy to offer advice on buying books as presents for all ages and interests, and don't worry if you leave it late: we will be accepting orders for Christmas up until December 21."

"With strong competition on-line and from supermarkets, bookselling is not an easy trade and we are very grateful to our many loyal customers who make it all worthwhile for us."

Nickelby's Bookstore, Poundfield Precinct. Visit www.nicklebysbookstore.co.uk or telephone 01446 795166.

'Pampering': what a capital word. Who doesn't like a bit of pampering? On my merry amble in Llantwit, I happen upon Sunkissed Beauty and Tanning, also on East Street, which specialises in pampering.

Here is what Sunkissed's Vicki Wiggins told me: "We are coming towards the end of another fabulous year of pampering and relaxing our clients, and with Christmas fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to show you our Christmas offers."

"There is a little something for everyone, whether its to pamper yourself or to treat loved ones for Christmas. "We also have many more gift ideas and Sunbed offers in Sunkissed. Could we also take this opportunity of thank all our clients for making the salon a happy, relaxing place to be and wish

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Viki (rear right) and staff of Victoria's Quest salon.

everyone and very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year."

Contact Sunkissed Beauty and Tanning on 01446 796883 or visit www.sunkissedbeautyandtanning.co.uk.

Also wishing festive felicitations to all, and with some news, are Viki and staff from Victoria's Quest, the hair salon on East Street.

Viki said: "I and all the girls at Victoria's Quest would like to welcome Rebecca from Cowbridge as our junior stylist."

"We are a KMS official salon, so please pop in to view our Christmas giftboxes."

"We also would like to wish all our clients past and present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

For more information, visit the salon on East Street or call 01446 793563.

And so my extended pre-Christmas stroll through Llantwit Major, a town in rude health and with businesses doing well, ended.

Yes, many of us buy online, and why wouldn't we? That said it's not binary, an either-or choice, and the two are not mutually exclusive.

Do visit your high street and shop local. Be it a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker or for that matter, a bookseller; you might be surprised what you'll find on the high street, and you'd miss it were it not there.

And remember: a high street is for life, not just Christmas.

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World Antibiotic Awareness Week

THIS month, pharmacies across Wales will be supporting the World Health Organisation's campaign which aims to raise the awareness of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The World Health Organisation says in their first global report: "AMR is no longer purely a prediction for the future. Antibiotic resistance – when bacteria adapt so antibiotics fail – is happening right now across the world. Without urgent action, we are heading for a post-antibiotic era, in which common infections and minor injuries can once again kill."

"This threat of AMR is a global public health problem that requires sustained, co-ordinated multisector, multidisciplinary and public action at local, national and international level. AMR is increasing, and the rapid emergence of resistance to antibiotics is of particular concern."

"Although AMR cannot be eradicated, with positive action it can be managed to reduce the risk of life-



by KATE THOMAS
of Sylvia Williams
Chemist.

threatening and untreatable complications increasingly occurring following minor injuries, common infections and surgical procedures.

"The widespread, and often excessive, use of antimicrobials is one of the main factors contributing to the increasing emergence of AMR. We all have a responsibility to use antibiotics responsibly, so that they will still work to help us when we really need them."

Kate Thomas, pharmacist owner at Sylvia Williams Chemist, Cowbridge, said: "The aim of this all Wales campaign is:

1. To raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance with patients and customers;
2. To provide basic

education, support and signposting to further information and:

3. To encourage people to think how they might use antibiotics better.

"We encourage patients to talk to their pharmacist first to find out how to treat symptoms of coughs, colds and sore throats without antibiotics."

"We have leaflets to give out to help patients self care to manage these common ailments but importantly, they also help people recognise symptoms which are serious, which should be seen urgently by a doctor."

"There is also a quiz for people who like to test their knowledge and people can sign up as an 'Antibiotic Guardian', where they choose a pledge to adhere to, if they so wish."

Handsome Hero is looking for a home

HERO is a handsome three-year-old Greyhound who loves human company and especially likes having cuddles.

He socialises with other dogs and would benefit from living with another dog of similar size, which may help him when being left for short periods.

Hero will suit a home with children aged eight years and over and would prefer a home where someone is around for most of the day, as he loves human company.

He is a gorgeous Greyhound who has heaps of love to give. If you would like more information on Hero, call into Dogs Trust Bridgend, CF31 4NG or call 01656 725219, see website www.dogtrust.org.uk.



Jane Hutt AM visited members of the Castleland Lunch Club recently.

Lunch Club welcomes AM

LAST week, Jane Hutt AM dropped in for a cup of tea and chat with members of the Castleland Lunch Club (formerly Castaways) at their new home at Golau Caredig, Broad Street, Barry.

The club gives older people living in the Vale an opportunity to meet up with friends for lunch and bingo every Friday. Jane has been a staunch supporter of the club since it was started in 2011, with the help of the late and much respected councillor, Margaret Alexander.

Club Leader June Marsh told Ms Hutt how pleased they all were to see her, and thanked her for all her support over the years.

Ms Hutt said: "It was great to see the club members settled into their new home, and to hear about how kind and welcoming the team at Golau Caredig have

been. This club makes such a difference to the lives of elderly people, and it was also good to see some younger people from Scope coming along to join in with the bingo."

The club meets every Friday (11am-3pm); for more information, contact Sue on 01446 734387.

Brexit threat to Aston Martin

THE warning from Aston Martin that they could stop manufacturing cars in Britain if the UK Government Brexit negotiations end up with a 'no deal' has been met with a strong reaction by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She said: "I recently visited Aston Martin in St Athan to view progress in turning the super hangar into a first class production plant for the 750 highly skilled jobs coming to the Vale with £60 million worth of contracts

benefiting Wales.

"The UK Government must heed the words of British businesses like Aston Martin who are making it quite clear that a Brexit 'no deal' is not an option and could threaten this company which is now investing in Wales."

"I call on the Secretary of State David Davis MP, to meet with Aston Martin and listen to their concerns and commit himself to getting the best deal for businesses in Wales and the UK."

PACT meeting

MEET your local officer at the Pelican Inn, Ogmore by Sea at 11am on Tuesday, November 28.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO.

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COGAN NURSERY SCHOOL CELEBRATE QUALITY AWARD

EVERYONE at Cogan Nursery School is delighted to have been presented with the Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Schemes National Quality Award, by Cllr Bob Penrose, Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture.

Catherine Perry, senior health promotion specialist at the Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team has been working with Cogan Nursery to help them prepare for the award. She said: "The enthusiasm for health is evident as soon as you walk through the door at Cogan Nursery. It is a very happy place, with staff, children, parents and governors all working together for the best outcomes for the children."

"The National Quality Award of the Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Scheme is very well deserved by this nursery – huge congratulations to everyone there!"

A two day rigorous

assessment took place at the end of the summer term. The school had to meet the following seven health topics highlighted: Food and fitness (nutrition and physical activity); mental and emotional health and wellbeing, including staff wellbeing; personal development and relationships, including sex and relationships education; substance use and misuse, including alcohol, smoking, and drugs (legal, illegal, and prescription); environment, including eco-initiatives and improving the school and wider environment; safety, including a variety of topics such as child protection, sun safety, internet safety, and first aid; hygiene including across school and non-school settings.

A five page report was compiled by the assessors who confirmed that: "There is no doubt that Cogan Nursery School is a healthy school, truly deserving of the National Quality Award. Health and wellbeing is at the heart of everything the school does; the inclusive nature of the school is an outstanding feature. The general ethos of the school is outstanding with good behaviour and mutual respect evident."

All of the seven health topics had outstanding features. The assessors were particularly impressed with the food and fitness topic and noted all pupils are active with many opportunities throughout the day both indoors and outdoors.

Mrs John, Healthy Schools Coordinator commented: "All our children run 1 kilometre each week and also take part in regular gym sessions. We also have an after school gymnastics club which is recognised by British gymnastics. A number of our past pupils have been signposted to gymnastic clubs and one has been a Welsh Squad member."

Mrs Rowland, headteacher, reiterated: "All aspects of Healthy Schools are fully embedded as part of daily life at Cogan Nursery School. We have a Gold Award from Design to Smile for brushing teeth, our children are able to talk about healthy foods and those that should only be eaten as a treat. They have a good awareness of the sugar content of certain fizzy drinks."

"Their knowledge was shared with parents and carers during the assessment as well as the presentation. Everyone linked with the school – children, parents, staff and governors are delighted to receive the award. It will have pride of place alongside our other numerous awards including our second Ecoschool Flag, Fairtrade Fairtrade Award, and our UK Teaching Team of the Year Award."

"We are having an Open Day on November 24. Call the school on 029 20 701193 if you would like more information."

Pauline J Rowland

Dinas Powys children plant bulbs to support world polio campaign



1st Dinas Powys Brownies.



St Andrews Junior School pupils.

DINAS POWYS children have helped plant crocus bulbs to raise awareness of a campaign to eradicate polio.

Pupils from St Andrew's Junior School and the 1st Dinas Powys Brownies and Guides worked with members of Dinas Powys Rotary Club to plant 5,000 crocus bulbs, as part of the worldwide 'Purple for Polio' campaign to raise awareness of global polio eradication.

The crocus bulbs were planted over a number of Thursday afternoons, a short walk away from St Andrews Junior School in and around the village green and other locations in Dinas Powys.

Look out for the purple-flowering crocuses which will appear in early spring of next year. The flower is the same colour as the dye that is put on the fingers of children who have been immunised against the disease, indicating they have received their polio vaccine.

The Purple4Polio program is part of a Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland's (RIBI) initiative whose purpose is to eradicate the disease across the globe. With just 11 confirmed cases so far in 2017, we are on the brink of ridding the world of polio, a vaccine-preventable infection that once paralysed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys, you can contact

Martyn Williams on 02921157764 or e-mail: martyn354@sky.com.

The crocuses help raise awareness of a rotary campaign started in 1985 to eradicate polio in the world. Polio is highly infectious and affects the nervous system. It is transmitted through contaminated food, drinking water, faeces and swimming pool water.

The initiative, which is 2:1 matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has reduced

cases of the disease from more than 1,000 each day across 125 countries, to just three countries worldwide.

The campaign ties in with the 100 year anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's own and only charity, which has played a key role in making polio eradication become close to a reality, along with hundreds of other projects both in Great Britain and Ireland and overseas.

For more than 30

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland have been working to rid the world of polio. Cases of polio worldwide have reduced by 99 percent and 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated.

The campaign provides schools and youth groups with crocus bulbs, compost and pots, as well as educational materials which help to teach young people about the disease and spreads Rotary's values of giving your time to help others.

Strong turnout for mayor's coffee morning



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies chats to Llantwit Major Deputy Mayor Peter Ellis at the Penarth coffee morning.

PEOPLE from across Penarth and the Vale turned out in large numbers for Town Mayor Ken Lloyd's recent charity coffee morning.

The event supported Cllr Lloyd's two chosen charities: Cancer Research UK and RNIB.

Among those in attendance were South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, who praised Cllr Lloyd for his hard work showcasing the town and raising money for two excellent causes.

Mr Davies said: "I have known Ken for a number of years and was absolutely thrilled when he became Mayor of Penarth."

"I always knew he would make an excellent ambassador for the town – and yesterday's coffee morning is just one example of the fantastic job he is doing."

"It was really pleasing to see so many people from Penarth and across the Vale pop along to show their support, and raise money for two causes that I know are close to Ken's heart."

College's Welsh-language scheme receives funding

A SCHEME to encourage people to speak Welsh at Cardiff and Vale College is one of 26 projects that has been awarded part of the Cymraeg 2050 £425,000 funding by the Welsh Government.

The projects are designed to promote Welsh in the community and Welsh language technology. The funding was announced by Minister for the Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning Eluned Morgan, who visited the College earlier this week. The Cymraeg 2050 Grant is a key element of the Welsh language strategy, Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers. It provides grants to fund innovative, short-term projects which aim to increase people's daily use of the language and to promote technology which supports the use of Welsh.

Cardiff and Vale College's project involves a swipe technology to encourage and reward the use of Welsh across its campuses.

CAVC principal Kay Martin said: "At Cardiff

and Vale College we are proud to be Welsh and strongly believe that being bilingual increases employability so we encourage and support the use of Welsh by staff and students. We are extremely pleased to receive this funding to expand our existing portfolio of support for Welsh speakers that will help the Welsh Government achieve its target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050."

The Minister said: "We want the use of Welsh to be a routine part of everyday life so that speakers at all levels feel confident in using it in formal and informal situations. The projects announced today will make it easier for people to use the language, whether face to face in the community and in the workplace or through dual platforms."

"It is very heartening that we have had to increase the fund to accommodate the excellent projects put forward to us. We're under no illusion about the challenge of creating a million Welsh speakers by 2050 and I'm delighted there are so many organisations and people who are willing to join us in this task."

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Golf club member wins 'cash prize pot'

THROUGHOUT the winter months, Cottrell Park Golf Resort ran a members' prize draw with a cash prize pot that increased by £50 each week.

The prize pot was donated from the club and started at £500, rising £50 weekly and was drawn between each Thursday.

The members' prize draw was won on November 16 by Glyn Dummett with a prize pot of £600, who was delighted with his win.

All eligible Cottrell Park members are added to the draw and each week a name is pulled from the pot. If the member is present, they win the prize.

The concept is to encourage members to support the club through the dreary winter months when generally the clubhouse is quiet and food and beverage sales are slow.



Glyn Dummett with general manager, Derek Smith.

manager, said: "The weekly members' prize draw and quiz night was launched last winter and was very well received, with one of the lady members winning the jackpot of £1,200 on the last night of the draw. This year, we introduced the same concept and I'm delighted to see lots of members and visitors attending the Thursday quiz and draw as we enter another winter season."

The quiz starts at 7pm every Thursday and both members and visitors are welcome to enter a team. Entry is a £1 per person and the winning team also wins a cash prize on the night.

Homework club branches out and forms science club

YOUNGSTERS from across the Rhose area are set to benefit after Tarmac and The Vale Parent Child Homework Support Club have partnered to launch a science club.

The club, for pupils aged 9-16, is already reporting huge success and has become fully subscribed in the two weeks since it became active.

Tarmac, which has a longstanding partnership with The Vale Parent Child Homework Support Club, came up with the idea of a science club to complement the existing help and support available throughout the year.

The funding to run the course has been secured through Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) youth-led 'Dish Out Dosh' grant.

Tarmac Aberthaw's plant manager, Chris Bradbury, said: "We are proud to further our support to the Homework Club and are delighted to play a hands-on role in delivering the science club."

"Science is a subject that is very close to our hearts at Aberthaw and by giving youngsters the opportunity to get more involved and undertake experiments in a safe, controlled environment, we hope to inspire future generations to consider careers in science fields, like engineering."



Tarmac Aberthaw plant manager Chris Bradbury with science club members.

Tarmac has partnered with The Vale Parent/Child Homework Support Club for over three years, which helps support children across the Vale to keep up with their school work and

give them confidence in their learning abilities.

The club is run by volunteers and holds English, maths and now science support sessions for local Vale schoolchildren, and is now helping older family members to further their skills with adult learning support.

Science Club will take place every Wednesday during term time between 3.45pm and 5pm at Rhose Community Centre.

One of the club's founder members, Cath Watkins, said: "Our partnership with Tarmac is fruitful on many levels and it was from discussions with their environmental co-ordinator, Kara Bennett, that the science club idea was born."

"You can imagine our delight that within days of marketing the club we reached capacity - we now have 25 young people signed up to the course, who are eager to

explore the world of science."

Aberthaw Cement Plant is the only cement works in south Wales. Cement made at Aberthaw has contributed to some of Wales' most significant construction projects of recent time, including Pembroke Power Station, The Millennium Centre and home of the Welsh Government - The Senedd - both in Cardiff Bay.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for Gibbonsdown and Court Wards, Julie Aviet, Margaret Wilkinson, Jack Hawkins, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes, will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, November 25 at the Parkside Christian Centre, St Bride's Way, Gibbonsdown (CF63 1UA) from 10am-11am. No appointment necessary.

Christmas Fairs for the diary

TWO CHRISTMAS fairs will take place at Llantwit Major RFC: on Saturday, November 25 and December 16, from 11am-3pm.

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An urgent appeal to save The Balmoral

BALMORAL is now safely back at her berth in Bristol after a truly rollercoaster summer. This is a brief description of the season and explains why we are again asking for help to keep the ship in operation and to thank you for your previous support and custom.

At the start of the third season under White Funnel Ltd stewardship, we had a beautifully turned out historic ship, wonderful trips planned, excellent advance bookings, beautiful weather, a polite and attentive ship's company and the support of our volunteers and enthusiasts.

After an initial hiccup, we were on course to put our ship on a sound financial footing, largely due to the generosity of our sponsors and appeal donors. Highlights of the season saw *Balmoral* perform two worthwhile wind farm charters, filming contracts and sailings in good weather to the Western Isles and the Isle of Man on Tynwald Day. We ran classic cruises around Anglesey and on the Bristol Channel and River Severn. We had a reliable and happy ship, looking beautiful and running well. Passenger bookings were up almost 40 per cent on 2016; at last we appeared to have turned the corner.

Then the British weather took hold, causing a string of cancelled sailings, but we plan for a number of lost trips each season and that was not unforeseen. Other factors combined to cause havoc and

they were completely out of our hands. A weeping rivet required a return to Sharpness dry-dock, collapse of the Gravesend landing pontoon scuppered the Thames visit, followed by a summer storm and failure of both engine/gearbox couplings, one of them just a day after an assurance from the manufacturer that it would last the season.

Then, at the very last moment, we were refused permission to carry passengers to the Isle of Man, although *Balmoral* has been a regular visitor for three decades and would have been allowed to go to Belfast, almost twice the distance on open water. This disappointed our passengers and supporters and cost us a huge amount of money in advertising, ticket refunds and lost revenue, and with no recompense or chance of making up the deficit.

Back on home waters and with excellent advanced bookings, hopes were high until, on a full to capacity Bristol Channel sailing, a rope was dropped into the water from the quayside, became entangled in a propeller, worked its way under the rope guard and damaged a shaft seal. That required divers, another trip to dry-dock and a further two weeks lost service. After urgent repairs, the ship then performed perfectly, visited north Wales, Liverpool and Scotland and ran into the worst late summer weather for years, preventing most of the additional sailings planned to recover some of the lost revenue. To have one incident in a season is not unexpected in any operation, but these

unconnected problems were heartbreaking for passengers, crew and staff.

Economic facts can't be avoided and in 2017, *Balmoral* managed only 55 of her 116 scheduled sailings, fractionally under half. Despite the huge popularity and increased passenger numbers when she did operate, we have a very large deficit and serious doubts about continuing coastal excursions without financial support – and we need that support urgently.

We need to raise £450,000 and have no more than eight weeks in which to secure *Balmoral's* future for a further season. After that time it could be impossible to book harbours, connections and her annual survey. We need funds to settle outstanding accounts from the 2017 season, pay for routine maintenance and to dry-dock and prepare the ship for 2018. This seems a huge amount; it is, but the response to appeals in the past has been superb and we are making economies and the best use of our volunteers. We intend to use *Balmoral* as a venue and educational facility in Bristol Harbour to help with winter costs and already have a number of bookings.

Balmoral is unique in that she is a fully functional vessel, the last of her type, and in good condition after all the work and money lavished on her. Goodwill and affection is so obvious wherever she goes.

Keeping active is the best way to preserve any ship. We already have charter enquiries for 2018 and there is a provisional outline timetable for next season. If we are unable to reach our target in the

time needed, donations will be used to continue with planned maintenance, preserve and maintain the ship in operating condition in Bristol and settle any remaining accounts with our suppliers on whom we depend to keep *Balmoral* sailing.

As soon as funds permit, she will be back in service. In 2019, some regulations affecting *Balmoral* change and these will have an impact on many larger historic vessels. We are in longer term discussions about that with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

We are all her custodians for future generations. *Balmoral's* volunteers and helpers will do all they can, but if she is to remain operational, we need your help urgently. Over 2 million passengers have travelled on her since launch in 1949, and we have a saying on board 'Everyone loves *Balmoral*'. She is a small ship with a big heart and has been part of so many people's lives for nearly 70 years.

Thank you for what you have already done to support the ship. We will do the work to keep her in operation, but we can't do it without your further help, and we only have eight weeks to raise the money.

Please give what you can to preserve this historic ship and allow future generations to share the enjoyment that we have all had by being part of the *Balmoral* family.

Dave Bassett, Paul Doubler, Ross Floyd, Andrew Jardine, Richard Mills, Doug Naysmith, John Thomas, Trustees of MV *Balmoral*.

The holly and the ivy, and poinsettias, pine cones, winter cherries...

‘DECK the halls with boughs of holly’... or any greenery that you feel fits your festive creativity writes Sara Milne.

December is the time of year when the outside comes into the home in the form of foliage decoration and when gardeners can put their feet up, just for a few minutes!

If you can't source Christmas greenery from your own garden, then take a trip down to your local garden centre where you'll find just about everything you need – or go foraging.

Natural living decorations and table centrepieces are easy and 'eco friendly' to create, and often something all the family has a hand in putting together.

To give pots and planters a Christmas makeover, gather some wood, pine cones, and sprigs of fir or conifer to fill them with. At the bottom (especially if it's a tall pot) put some crunched up newspaper so you don't have to put as much in to fill the pot



A festive pot is easy to make.

with. Once done, place your wood around the edges, stuff the fir sprigs inside and add the pine cones.

Alternatively, try this for a naturally stunning centrepiece for the Christmas table: find a good terracotta container, fill it with compost and plant winter cherry in the centre.

Winter cherry is a wax-leaved plant with amazing cherry tomato-like berries. It's a popular Christmas plant, so should be widely available. Then around the winter cherry, plant a few small poinsettias

and some ivy. If you want a display that is more silver and white than the traditional seasonal red, then try planting white cyclamen with silver leaved lavender and *Jacobaea maritime* (silver ragwort) and scatter small silver beads around the base of the plants.

For outside in the garden or a for patio display, plant a small living Christmas tree or conifer in a good sized pot and then surround it with brightly coloured ground cover cyclamen or heathers – truly magical!

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NEW TY HAFAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE WAS ONCE 'AN EXHAUSTED DAD'

WHEN exhausted dad Rob Jones first arrived at Tŷ Hafan in 2012, it was for a short break from the 24/7 care of his daughter Poppy, who has a life-limiting condition.

But after five years of receiving comfort, care and support from the children's hospice, the 50-year-old father-of-five from Crickhowell will now be heading the team he calls "our extended family", after recently being appointed chief executive.

A chartered accountant with both charity and commercial sector experience, Mr Jones will lead the charity as it continues to develop its services for children with life-limiting conditions and their families in homes and communities across Wales, as well as at its hospice in Sully, Vale of Glamorgan.

The charity's chairman Martin Davies welcomed Mr Jones to the role, adding that he would bring "a unique insight" to the charity's top job.

"Rob's extensive knowledge and experience, which spans both charity and commercial sectors will enable him to successfully steer the charity as we move towards increasingly providing services in families' homes and communities, as well as at the hospice, in an ever-changing environment.

"Rob has also experienced first-hand the difficulties faced by children with life-limiting conditions and their families, and the impact of hospice services on family life," said Mr Davies.

"This gives him an insight into where the charity needs to invest its

resources and how we can achieve our mission of providing the best possible standard of care to families across Wales, ensuring a short life is a full life."

As the father of a child with a life-limiting condition, Mr Jones, together with his wife Rachel, 48, and 12-year-old Poppy's siblings Izzy, 23, Sam, 21, Charlie, 17, and 14-year-old Alfie, felt the family had "no one to turn to in a crisis" and was "exhausted and desperate" by the time they were referred to the hospice, when Poppy was seven.

"When we arrived at Tŷ Hafan, we were exhausted and didn't know what to expect," said Mr Jones.

"You can spend a lot of time explaining your experiences to people and, unless people have actually experienced that, there's always a gap of understanding. At Tŷ Hafan, that understanding was immediate and we could just relax as a family and just be ourselves."

He added their first short break at the hospice was the "first time we were able to stay somewhere as a family" and "felt like a family holiday".

"My wife Rachel and I didn't have to get up in the night to look after Poppy, we had lovely home-cooked food and we could spend time with our three boys and our other daughter," he said.

But another way the charity has helped the Jones family is to support the family through the difficult times and to help them to make Poppy's life, however long that may be, full of joy, fun and precious moments with her loved ones.

"We were told Poppy wouldn't live to see her first birthday, then her fourth. She's now 12 and has done so many amazing things –

including taking part in Tŷ Hafan's Rainbow Run in a bathtub on wheels!" said Mr Jones.

"Tŷ Hafan has enabled my wife Rachel and I to embrace the situation with Poppy and we are making the most of it, turning it into something more positive and, hopefully, making a difference.

"For families like ours, the run-up to Christmas can be a scary time, as it's the time of year your child can be most susceptible to illness and hospital stays."

Since joining the charity, Mr Jones has been impressed by the dedication of not only the hospice's care team but their supporting departments at head office.

"Two things that have surprised me since I joined the team are how engaged the whole organisation is with the cause and how hard it is to deliver great care."

He added that his determination to help the charity provide the best possible care for families across Wales was driven by his experiences as a father.

"The biggest difference is perspective. When we're making decisions I always think, what will be the impact on families? That's not just financial, it's in the way we do things and the values and principles we work to," he said.

"My goal is for the care that we provide to become a right for every child and every family that needs it. The best place to receive care is actually in the family home.

"It's going to be quite a journey for us to achieve that, but it's what's best for families. In the meantime, we've got our fantastic hospice and our community team is growing.

"This is my single biggest achievement in my life; I will never top this. I have a level of determination that I wouldn't have if my job wasn't so important to me. It's a vocation."

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Rob joining in the fun at Tŷ Hafan's Dolled Up Day, complete with lilac ballgown and embarrassed daughter!



Poppy completing Tŷ Hafan's Rainbow Run fundraising event in a bathtub on wheels.



Poppy attending the hospice during one of the family's earlier visits.



Rob Jones with daughter Poppy on Tŷ Hafan's Snowdogs: Tails in Wales fundraising trail.

The day Pudsey came to Oak Field!



IT was a Spotacular Day at Oak Field Primary School this afternoon when Pudsey Bear made a secret visit!

The children who achieved 100 per cent attendance showed off their wristbands to Pudsey while he high fived members of staff and children alike.

A HUGE thank you to Barry Round Table who organised this fantastic visit.

Nicola Danielson

VALEWAYS GUIDED WALKS

ON Sunday, November 26, a Parks and Town walk will set off from Penarth cliff top car park at 2pm.

Santa's visiting Eglwys St John Baptist Church, Llanblethian (CF71 7JF) at 2pm on Sunday, November 26 – Pwy sy'n dwaaad dros y bryn?

On Wednesday, November 29 at 10.30am the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at the Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Meet the same day at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge to join the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, November 30 – 'We know where we are going!' – meet at the Sycamore Tree pub in Colwinston at 10am.

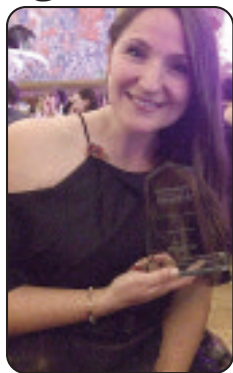
Barry woman's 'wedding award'

A YOUNG Barry mum was thrilled to win a top award at the Welsh National Wedding Awards at the Brangwyn Hall in Swansea.

Zoe O'Sullivan won the award for 'Best Wedding Cakes in Wales'. Zoe, who used to be a senior medical underwriter, runs the Vale Cake Boutique from her home studio in Barry.

"I started the business in 2013 so I could work from home and be around the children while they were still young.

"The business grew quite quickly and I was lucky enough to be able to take the business on full time in 2014. Since then we have gone from strength to strength and have big plans for the future."



Zoe with her award.

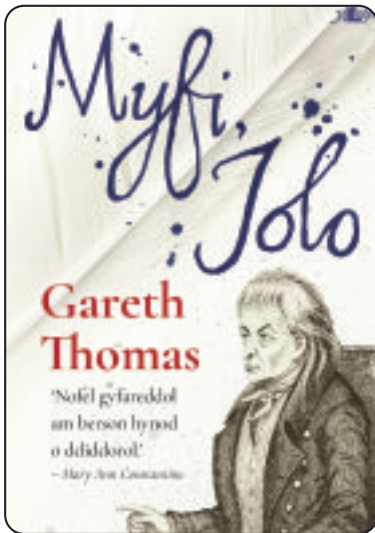
Christmas Tree fest

WESLEY Church Centre Tondur (the Methodist Church) will hold their Christmas Tree Festival and bazaar on Saturday, December 2 between 10am and 3pm.

Christmas trees provided by local organisations and decorated in a variety of themes will light up the church and in the hall will be stalls with refreshments and light lunches available.

On Wednesday, December 6 at 6pm, there is a carol service with contributions by Tondur Primary School choir. All are welcome to these events.

'Old Iolo' fires up author's imagination for new book



AN author who moved to the Vale has been inspired by the story of Iolo Morganwg, so much that he wrote a novel about him.

Gareth Thomas moved to the area six years ago following a career in England as an actor, teacher and director. Like many others he had heard of Iolo Morganwg but knew little of his story or significance.

His imagination was fired by the attention given to 'Old Iolo' in the National Eisteddfod in Llandow and visits to the places in the Vale associated with the bard such as his memorial in the church in Flemingston, the Samson Pillar in

Llantwit Major; St Mary Church where he was married, the examples of his work as a mason that can be seen across the Vale and Cowbridge and The Bear Hotel, where Iolo performed much of his seditious verse and delivered passionate speeches on political issues.

"The more I learnt, the more I marvelled at his story," said Gareth Thomas; "It's a tale that needs to be told."

But Iolo proved to be an enigma. There were differing opinions amongst his friends on the subject of Iolo – some of whom admired him as a hero who helped form the national identity of Wales and others who saw him as a cheat and con-man.

Having read the research of Gwyneth Lewis, Geraint Jenkins, Mary-Ann Constantine and others, Gareth came to the conclusion that here was a story with real contemporary significance.

The result is Myfi Iolo, a new Welsh language historical novel which recounts Iolo's true story, which is published this week.

The novel is set at the end of the 18th century where Iolo is a young man with a host of talents and limitless energy. He is full of anger against the injustice he sees and is committed to the cause of freedom in Europe.

"Iolo's story has every element you would wish for in an historical novel: adventure, mystery, love, revolution, violence, drugs, passion, spies and betrayal," said Gareth.

The scene moves from Cowbridge to the grand drawing rooms of Mayfair, from Gorsedd ceremonies on inhospitable hillsides to the luxurious bordellos of Covent Garden, from his cottage in Flemingston to a hearing before the Privy Council in Downing Street.

"Here was a man who inspired friendship but turned friends into enemies. Here was an incredibly talented man who ultimately failed to win a livelihood in any field," said Gareth. "Was Iolo a conscious trickster – or was he inspired by a bigger vision?"

The novel has already received substantial praise by the author Dr Mary-Ann Constantine calling it, 'a fascinating novel about a fascinating person'.

The novel will be launched in the Georgian ballroom in the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge on November 23 at 7pm.

"It was in The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge that Iolo Morganwg performed his poetry and spoke passionately about politics. So there's no better place to launch the novel!" added Gareth.

The launch will be led by Caryl Whelan who will be interviewing the author and there will be readings from actors Eiry Palfrey (Gwaith/Cartref, Dinas) as 'Peggy' and Danny Grehan (Harri Tudur, Casualty) as Iolo Morganwg. 'Myfi Iolo' by Gareth Thomas (£9.99, Y Lolfa) is available now.



ABOVE (left to right): Ian Hunt, Stacey Howdon, Simon Hunt and Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP

Filco raises £20,000 over 18 months for Alzheimer's charity

VALE grocery business Filco has raised £20,000 for the charity Alzheimer's Society in the last 18 months, adding to the £150,000 total that the company has raised for local causes.

The cheque for the money raised was handed over to Stacey Howdon of the Alzheimer's Society, at a dinner in St David's Hotel, Cardiff Bay.

In attendance were Filco chief executive Ian Hunt, as well as the hundreds of Filco employees, who are based in the Cowbridge and Llantwit Major stores.

Also attending the event was Vale MP Alun Cairns, who congratulated

the company on its fundraising efforts. He said: "Raising such a significant sum of money does not come without a lot of hard work and I commend all at Filco who have played their part."

"Not only does fundraising such as this provide immense support to this thoroughly deserving charity, but also raises much needed awareness of an illness that will touch the lives of most people in the UK, whether it's directly or through a loved one."

"Well done once again to Filco and what a wonderful event to celebrate all the hard work."

For more information on Alzheimer's Society, visit www.alzheimers.org.uk.

Starry, starry nights for Barry

by Dave Powell of Barry Astronomical Society.

THE Milky Way appears right overhead this month and the distinctive 'W' of Cassiopeia will help guide you to it because, it too, lies right overhead and will be a glorious sight that can be seen in any pair of binoculars.

Also check out the bright star Capella, marking the constellation of Auriga. Capella is the sixth brightest star in the sky and is, in fact, 'circumpolar' meaning it can be seen during any month of the year, although often it will appear extremely low and near the horizon. It is relatively close to us, about 40 light years away, and is very bright – something like 130 times as powerful as our Sun. Being so bright, I doubt you will have any problems identifying it, but the clincher is a triangle of fainter stars that lie close to it.

Through binoculars, Capella will look yellowish. The Milky Way is close by and I will offer more on this constellation next month. Also showing prominently overhead is the bright constellation Perseus. Pegasus and Andromeda are still worthy of attention and the Plough is now low on the northern horizon.

Another winter constellation is Taurus. This constellation contains two famous and easy-to-spot open clusters. To locate the

Hyades, just find the very bright red/orange star Aldebaran. A pair of binoculars will bring out its rich colour and the cluster extends away from it in a 'V' shape of two lines of stars.

The cluster stars are well spread and it is thought to be a very old cluster (with Aldebaran not actually being a true member). Although it appears that they are all part of one group, this is merely down to our line of sight'. Aldebaran is about 60 light years away, while the true cluster stars are thought to be at least double.

However, they appear to be about the same age and the cluster is thought to be something like 600 million years old.

The other cluster, the Pleiades, will be even easier to spot because it is a naked-eye object. People who have good eyesight should be able to see seven stars forming a close group, hence its other name the Seven Sisters. Use binoculars and you will see this cluster is more tightly packed, and the stars mainly show a bluish hue.

This is a much younger cluster, thought to be only about 100 million years old. In fact, some brighter members when photographed show to be embedded in a faint nebulosity. This is all that remains of the original cloud of gas and dust that the whole group were born in. On December 2, the bright Moon forms a triangle

with both clusters.

This month also offers us the chance to see one of the best annual meteor showers. The Geminids, can be seen from about December 4 to 17 but best night is December 14. If the sky is clear and you can be away from bright lights, an observer braving the chilly night air will be in for a treat.

The observer needs to be comfortable, this means sitting or better still lying down, wrapped up in several layers of clothes (and make sure you keep your head, hands, and feet warm). No optical aid other than your own eyes are needed.

The constellation of Gemini is rising in the east, so start observing from about 9pm and look away from the direction of the constellation and watch in awe as fast bluish streaks flash across the sky. A group covering the whole sky may see 100 meteors per hour, an individual will see far less than this.

This month the Moon will be just over half-phase (gibbous) during the last week. Try using binoculars to spot the Apennines, a striking mountain range. Look for a curved chain of peaks to the right of the *Mare Serenitatis*, and close to the dark terminator. One of its highest peaks rises around 18,000 feet. Apollo 15 landed lower down in the foothills and was the first mission to use a lunar roving vehicle.

If you would like to view the night sky and would like to know what can be seen, then check out the Barry Astronomical Society website, www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com or come along to one of our meetings.

Dave Powell

Canna Ladies Choir comes to Penarth

CANNA Ladies Choir (Côr Merched Canna) will be giving a concert in Stanwell Road Baptist Church, Penarth, opposite West House, on November 30 at 7pm.

The choir was established in 1994 and since then, it has developed into one of Wales's foremost ladies' choirs and has become a famous name at festivals.

Côr Canna is a group of friends who live in the Cardiff area, even though they are originally from all corners of Wales,

conducted by Delyth Medi.

They have been five-time winners in the National Eisteddfod and successful at other festivals, including the gold award in the Choral Festival in Verona and the Choral Gold Cup at the Cheltenham Festival.

Côr Merched Canna will give a wide ranging performance demonstrating its vast repertoire supporting the 'Croeso Penarth' project to house a refugee Syrian family in Penarth.

Tickets (£5 adults, £4 children) are available from Griffin Books or at the door.

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Council plans to create new Vale craft network

A CRAFT network funded through the Vale Council, and the Wales Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, is reaching out to crafters across the council.

The Vale Council's arts development officer and Creative Rural Communities have been working with a number of craft practitioners, who have highlighted the need for a network.

A free networking event, allowing people to collaborate and explore opportunities, will take place at the Dyffryn Gardens Tea Rooms in St Nicholas, on Thursday, November 30 from 6pm.

Cllr Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and culture said: "It is brilliant to see teams from different departments working together to offer a range of support for communities and businesses across the Vale."

"We are actively exploring new ways to develop art and culture, and this event gives us an ideal platform to promote art through various media, and I encourage anyone who is

interested, to take part in the networking event."

Creative Rural Communities officer Nicola Sumner-Smith said: "We think this is an exciting opportunity to support the development of craft in the Vale while highlighting the great talent we have here."

"We hope that craft practitioners from a wide range of disciplines and experience will come along and find the network a valuable resource for their professional and personal development."

To register for the event, send an email or confirm you are attending on the Facebook event page titled 'Creative Rural Communities'. For more information call the Family Information Service team on 01446 704704.

For all the latest news from your area - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Bridge results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 20 are as follows:

First, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones, 62.08 per cent; second, Alan Lewis and John Raymond, 60.21; third, Mari Jones and Christopher Rawlings, 58.13.

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Cosmeston Park opens its brand new bridge



Firefighters dousing the flames at the bird hide.

A NEW bridge has been constructed near the medieval village at Cosmeston Country Park.

The original one was decommissioned for safety reasons.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The project was completed with the valued help of the Cosmeston Volunteers' group and we welcomed Mr and Mrs Williams from Wenvoe (pictured, top) as the first visitors to use the bridge."

Fire

There was a fire at the park on Monday, November 13. A bird hide was destroyed.

Local rangers had to call the Fire Service to make the area safe.

Staff will now look into funding options for any future structure.

Did you help knit the giant daffodil for Marie Curie?

YOU may recall that last year, Marie Curie called on your help to help us create a giant daffodil mural from knitted squares, to be displayed at our Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth.

We were so grateful for the huge amount of support we had, with bags of the white and yellow squares donated to us at the hospice.

Staff nurse Gwyneth Davies has spent the past

few months putting the daffodil together onto hessian backing and having it framed.

We hope to be able to put the daffodil – the Marie Curie logo – in place before Christmas and would love those who were involved in its creation to attend its reveal.

If you helped in any way, contact the hospice on 029 2042 6000 and ask for Gwyneth Davies. **Gwyneth Davies, Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, Penarth.**



An earlier table-top sale.

DPVC's minibus appeal holds a table top sale

DINAS Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC), the charity that helps older residents in Dinas Powys is hosting a table top sale at Murchfield Community Centre on Saturday, December 2 between 1pm and 4pm.

A wide range of gifts, crafts, books and other goods will be on sale and refreshments and Joe's Ice Cream will be available.

Admission is free and this is a great opportunity to choose a unique Christmas present.

The previous event was a great success and tables are in great

demand and limited, so book early. Tables cost £5 for non-commercial organisations or £10 for commercial users.

This minibus is being replaced in 2018 after nine years of service and the new vehicle will cost more than £60,000. DPVC is grateful for the support it received from local organisations, individual donations and from fundraising by DPVC volunteers and

from great evenings like Rock&Chips in helping to make this possible.

To find out more about DPVC and the ways the charity helps the local community, or to book a table for the sale, contact the DPVC coordinators on 029 2051 3700 or call in the DPVC Office at Murchfield Community Centre. The website can be found at www.dpvc.org.uk.

FREE TAX ADVICE

DO you worry about your tax affairs? Do you know if you are paying the correct amount, or want help with form filling?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Monday, November 27 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Come along and chat to retired professional tax advisers. Call 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged.

Volunteers praised for Vale's green spaces



Cllr Gordon Kemp with gardener Neil Gibbon and volunteers at Parade Gardens.

VOLUNTEERING groups in parks across the county have been praised for their ongoing hard work in maintaining the Vale's green spaces.

A six-week volunteer initiative was launched to help people volunteer in parks and open spaces all over the Vale, and organised by the housing services at the Vale Council and the parks and open spaces team, in conjunction with Vale Fireflies.

Vale Fireflies is a partnership between Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), Vale Council Environment and Housing services, as well as a number of housing associations including Hafod, Newydd, Gwalia and Wales and West.

The Vale Fireflies team advise people on a number of issues such as volunteering opportunities across the county.

Victoria Park in Barry is one of three Vale Parks nominated by members of the public, for the Fields in Trust UK's Best Park, as voted by YOU! 2017 Award.

The lead gardener at Victoria Park, Mike Parsons, praised their two regular volunteers, Callum and Dawood.

Callum (23), volunteers one day at

Victoria Park and Dawood, originally from Syria, has been volunteering three days a week at the park for several months.

Mike Parsons said: "The guys are doing a great job, and we really appreciate what they do, and we want to thank them for everything. There is a great sense of community spirit here."

Neil Gibbon, the lead gardener at the Parade Gardens near Barry Island, has been overseeing a group of volunteers who have helped out three days a week over six weeks.

The group have been helping to cut down overgrown hedges, and maintain the area, before a new team takes over to carry on the good work over another six weeks.

The cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, Cllr Gordon Kemp said: "It is wonderful to see park volunteers enjoy maintaining the parks, and from meeting the teams and seeing how what they do every day, it is important that they are recognised for their hard work."

"Thank you to the gardeners and volunteers for everything they do, and I hope this can encourage more people to become involved in improving the community."

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Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg Dros Dro Y Porth, Y Bont-Faen

Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol y ffordd o bwynt 35m i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Eagle Lane am 6m i'r gogledd-orllewin.

Ar ochr dde-orllewinol y ffordd o bwynt 15.5m i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd a The Butts am bellter o 12.5m i'r gogledd-orllewin.

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Hyd O 07.00am ar 4 Rhagfyr 2017 am hyd at 18 mis.

Dyddiedig 23 Tachwedd 2017.

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenvo. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (WESTGATE (PART) COWBRIDGE (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedule below: -

SCHEDULE

Temporary Prohibition of waiting at any time Westgate, Cowbridge

On the north eastern side of the road from a point 35m northwest of its junction with Eagle Lane for a distance of 6m in a north westerly direction. On the south western side of the road from a point 15.5m northwest of its junction with The Butts for a distance of 12.5m in a north westerly direction. In addition the Road Traffic Order known as the **Vale of Glamorgan Council Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013** shall be suspended in part as follows:-

Westgate, Cowbridge

On the north eastern side of the road from a point 35m northwest of its junction with Eagle Lane for a distance of 6m in a north westerly direction.

Reason In the interests of public safety during demolition and new building works taking place adjacent to Westgate, Cowbridge.

Duration From 07.00am on 4th December 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Dated this 23rd day of November 2017.

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Where do boats go to die?

AT Barry Yacht Club on Thursday evening, November 16, we were to discover from Mr Paul Barnett the strange and somewhat eerie wonders that are the 'Purton Hulks'.

Paul opened his talk by inviting us all to contemplate the idea of where boats go to die. Like many, I considered the obvious in terms of sinking and being shipwrecked.

Paul explained that in instances they would be recorded, but many, and no doubt the majority of boats and ships, have no record as to what actually happened to them.

If they are retired, scrapped or broken up, there is no requirement under UK law for this to be recorded. This led Paul into the main thrust of his talk, which was his continuing fascination with the Purton Hulks.

Paul explained that in 1909, after some particularly stormy weather, the bank between the River Severn and the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal suffered a significant collapse.

There was an immediate concern that the canal was in serious danger of being



One of the 'Purton Hulks'.

breached, resulting in huge implications for one of the busiest waterways in the country, whose volume of traffic in 1905 had exceeded one million tons for the first time.

The canal was a significant artery in the region and a breach of it would have had significant consequences. An answer had to be found cheaply and as quickly as possible.

Paul explained that old ships and boats, including steel barges, 'Severn Trows,' and concrete ships were run aground at the site of the collapse and allowed to fill with water and silt.

At each tide, these old vessels became more and

more a part of the very bank itself and created perhaps one of the first examples of a tidal erosion barrier. Over the decades, more and more vessels from all over the British Isles ended their lives at this watery grave.

It is believed that as many as 80 craft now form what is known as the Purton Hulks or the Purton Ships' Graveyard. Paul pointed out that the area is officially the largest ship graveyard in mainland Britain. Although most are now buried in silt, there are still quite a number who give a hint above the tidal silt of the 'grand ladies' they once were.

It was clear to us all that the Purton Hulks

was not just a significant interest for Paul but a lifetime passion for him; from having played in the area as a child, to setting up the 'Friends of Purton' to stop the destruction that had been taking place at the site.

Paul knows that the site will not last forever because the elements will reclaim these boats and ships.

However, it is important to him that we should not hasten that day and that he will have done everything in his power to give the area as much protection as possible in order that nature, and nature alone, will make the final call.

Paul had an almost forensic insight as to the

history of the craft now beached at Purton. To him they are not old wrecks; they are not just a tidal barrier, or even the recycling of wood and timber to a new use.

They are the souls and memories of ships and boats that plied their trade through seas and rivers over the course of the last 100 years and more.

It was clear to us all how proud Paul was when he spoke of the monument that had been erected at the site which records all the names of the wrecks and the year they were beached there.

For Paul, these 'ladies' would now be remembered forever and honoured in a fitting fashion for the job they had done. They saved a major canal and a huge artery of the local economy.

For years, this was known by a few, but because of Paul and his colleagues at the Friends of Purton, they are now known to the many.

The next talk, on Thursday, November 23 at 8pm is 'Big Ships, Little Ships,' which is all about how Bristol Vessel Traffic Service control the passage of vessels in the Bristol Channel. For more information, call 07905 315 349. A warm welcome to all.

STEVEN LORD

Top level rugby – 110 years ago!



The 1907 Barbarians versus Penarth. The length of shorts seems to be down to individual preference! There's no truth in the suggestion that Penarth were asking for uncontested scrums!

A LOCAL historian, Brian Keitch of Penarth, recently discovered a number of fascinating old photographs of the area – taken by a relative more than 100 years ago!

Brian explained: "Over 100 years ago, my great grandfather, John Lewis, lived in the Penarth area and was a very keen photographer.

"A collection of the glass plates he took circa 1905 to 1910 have come down to us and provide a glimpse of what interested him all that time ago.

"The subject matter covers a number of locations in the Vale, in particular Barry, Penarth, Wenvoe and Llantwit Major.

This week's photo has a sporting flavour, and

could well be the oldest image taken of the Barbarians on tour, taking on Penarth RFC on Good Friday, the first leg of the famous Easter tour.

The demands of modern rugby has killed off that tour, of course, but here they are pictured in action on the Stanwell Road ground (at the rear of Victoria Junior School), on Good Friday 1907.

Penarth had the good fortune of having beaten the Baa Baas three times in a row between 1904 and 1906, but the records show they lost this one by the narrow margin of 3 points to 8.

Brian told The GEM: "This glass plate had been broken, but thanks to the expertise of Davies Colour Ltd, East Tyndall Street, Cardiff, the reproduction is now as good as new!

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 11) 2017

1. Ar 20 Tachwedd 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn i addasu'r cyfyngiadau parcio fel y disgrifir isod:

2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 27 Tachwedd 2017 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd mewn lle, pa un bynnag yw'r hwyraf, ac fe gaiff ei alw'n "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 11) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd y mae'n bosib yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r bwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r perwyl hwn o fewn chwe wythnos o 27 Tachwedd 2017.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

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Dyddiedig 23 Tachwedd 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, yr Alpau,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 11) ORDER 2017

1. On the 20th November 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is to amend the parking restrictions as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 27th November 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 11) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 27th November 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

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On the south east side from the junction with North Road for a distance of 22 metres in a south westerly direction.

On the north east side from the south eastern building line of The Old Institute for a distance of 11 metres in a north westerly direction.

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Dated this 23rd day of November 2017.

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



News in brief

The Rhooose History Society

RHOOSE and District History Society will host a talk by Harold Williams, the topic to be: The Life of the Honey Bee.

This will take place on Friday, November 24 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhooose Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Tickets £1, children 50p (under 16). Following the talk the committee will host the traditional pre-Christmas buffet.

The aims and purpose of the society are: to foster interest in the history of Rhooose and District; to promote research into its history, customs, traditions and residents; to recover and preserve documents and other records of the area; to make and preserve a visual, written and sound record of the region's past and present for posterity and to encourage the preservation of ancient rights, sites, buildings and footpaths.

If you would like to become a member, apply at a meeting giving contact details. Membership costs £5 per annum.

PENARTH'S LIGHTS SWITCHED ON BY BRO RADIO AND OWEN MONEY!

PENARTH'S annual 'Christmas Lights Switch On' took place on Sunday, November 19.

The town's coastguard rescue team escorted the inshore lifeboat from the lifeboat station all the way into the town centre to be part of the celebrations and the big switch-on.

A spokesman said: "Thanks to everyone who stopped and said hello."

Patrick Downes from Bro Radio, who hosted the stage and switched on the lights alongside BBC Wales star Owen Money, said: "The 'Christmas Lights Switch On' is a great event which we love hosting! To share a stage with Owen Money was a privilege and to kick of the festive season in Penarth is a pleasure."



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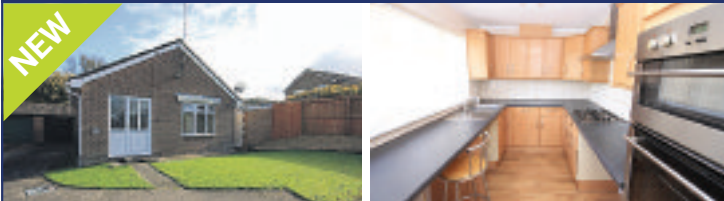


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Steve was selected from more than 16,000 UK site managers, and is one of three to be recognised at a ceremony held at Cardiff City Hall.

Commenting on the Awards, Paul Edwards, NHBC Regional Director



Steve Northam with his award.

said: "Every year, the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards give us the chance to recognise the dedication of the UK top site managers and their commitment to new home quality."

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop will hold a fair at The Arts Gallery in Barry Library on Tuesday, November 28.

The fair will be opened by Cllr Janice Charles, the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, at 10am. Entry is £1.50 to include unlimited tea and coffee (children free).

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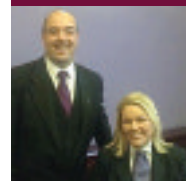
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Main Hall and Heritage Centre, known as Town Hall, Church Street, Llantwit Major.

The application is for:

Supply of alcohol 1200hrs to 2300hrs.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to: The Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4FL, or by email to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statements in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

Signed: R.E. Quinn

TOWN CLERK

Date: 21 November 2017

LICENSING ACT 2003

Section 17 (5)

Notice of Application for a

Premises Licence

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT

An application has been made to

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www.bridgend.gov.uk

Any responsible authority or any

other person may make

representations in respect of the

application, which must be

submitted, in writing, to the

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Licensing Section, Bridgend County

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DATE BY WHICH

REPRESENTATIONS MUST

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(1) This must include details of

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SHEPHERD Johnanna Noreen

Peacefully on 9th November at Brocste Manor Nursing Home, aged 71. Loving wife to Victor, loving mother to Christian and Jodie. Loving Grandmother to Brandon, James, Daniel and Holly.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until her service on 29th November at 11am, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to LATCH.

RANDALL Conni

Peacefully after a short illness on 10th November, Conni, much loved wife of John, loving sister and aunty.

She will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service on Monday, 27th November at 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Bros, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB or donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, Sophia House, 28 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ.

ROSSER David John

Suddenly on 10th November, David of Woodstock Gardens, Pencoeed. Much loved husband of Kirsty, devoted daddy to Sophia, loving son of the late Jill and John Rosser, The Paddocks, Ystradowen, and a dear son-in-law to Sandra and Alun.

David will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Funeral Thursday, 30th November. Service at St. Canna's Church, Llangan at 2pm, followed by interment in the graveyard. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be made to The Samaritans c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoeed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

HAVARD Gwyneth

Passed away peacefully, aged 88, on 11th November at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Devoted wife to Bryn, loving mother to Annie and John, much loved nan to Emma and Natasha, loving sister to Malcolm and Kenny. Gwyneth was well known locally through her close association with the Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society.

Her vibrant personality and indomitable spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Private family cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend, followed by a service of thanksgiving for the life of Gwyneth, at 1.15pm on Monday, 27th November at Holy Cross, Cowbridge. Family flowers only; donations in lieu to Parkinson's UK via the Funeral Directors, W James & Sons, Chapel of Rest, Fommon, Rhosce, CF62 3BJ.

BROWN Paul Gareth

Suddenly but peacefully at home in Pembrokehire on Monday, 13th November, aged 57 years. Paul, much loved by Andy, Enfy, Jane and all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 30th November at 2.45pm. Family flowers only.

SANDES

Delia May (Née Coombs)

It is with great sadness that Delia, aged 86 years, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, 14th November 2017. She leaves her husband of 40 years, Desmond. She will be forever remembered by brothers Charlie and Kenneth, sisters Carol and Margaret, and was predeceased by Hilda, Doreen, Jean and daughter Julie. She will also be lovingly missed by her children Myra, Jaci, Irene, Christopher and Caroline, as well as her many grandchildren from five generations, relatives and friends of whom she loved dearly.

The funeral service will be held at Barry Crematorium on Monday, 27th November 2017 at 12 noon, followed by a celebration of her life at the Glenbrook Inn, Barry at 1pm.

No flowers are requested - any donations in memory of Delia will go to Cancer Research. Brightly coloured clothing is encouraged.

SULLIVAN Jeremy Mark

Suddenly at home on 11th November, Jeremy, well known of Colcot, Barry and a beloved dad, grandfather and brother of the late Joanne. A loving son of Marian and David Snelling.

Jeremy will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 1st December at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations may be made at the service or via Jeremy's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Diabetes UK.

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Art students receive prizes and praise from Arts Group

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School's annual art exhibition, held at the Old Hall Community Centre recently, with the support of the Vale Council, was well received by members of the public who commented on the very high standard of the work displayed.

As usual, The Cowbridge Arts Group judge the pieces and award the winners with certificates and cheques, which are presented in the art department.

This year, the students chose their own personal projects following a foundation phase in school, including organised workshops and visits to galleries, which always result in a varied collection.

The prize winners were as follows: first prize went to Samantha Phelps, who chose a subject close to her heart (her grandad's vintage and classic motorcycle



Sam Phelps, Olivia Davies and Libby Williams

collection) as her personal project.

As well as an interest in art, Sam also enjoys music and drama which will stand her in good stead in her chosen career of production design.

Second prize was won by Olivia Davies, who

chose family portraits (in particular her younger sister) as her personal project and is applying to higher education courses in illustration.

The third prize went to Libby Williams, who chose printmaking and etching of local structures and landscapes

as her personal project. She has applied to higher education courses in architecture.

The school wishes them all the very best of luck for the future, and thanks to the Cowbridge Arts Group for their continued support.

CL

Skaters launch capital's Winter Wonderland



The skaters appeared at Christmas events in Cardiff and Swansea.

CARDIFF National Ice Skating Club, which includes members from the Vale, did a routine on Cardiff's Winter Wonderland opening night.

They opened it along with the Cardiff Devils on November 8.

They then travelled to Swansea on November 17 to the

opening night of Winter Wonderland there, to do the same routine on their ice rink.

There were two groups of children – one of 17 dancing to Kylie Minogue's '100 Degrees'.

The other group of eight children danced to a lovely Christmas song just to get people in the Christmas spirit.

The ages ranged from six years of age to 17 years old.

The club meets at Cardiff National Ice Rink on Saturday mornings from 7.45am to 8.45am. Members had a few extra rehearsals on a Wednesday night for the

routine to come together in just a few weeks.

Children and adults come from all over south Wales to attend the club on a Saturday morning.

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St Donat's Choral

ST DONAT'S Choral's Gloria concert takes place on Saturday, December 9 at 7.30pm in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major.

The choral offers Christmas cheer with carols and Christmas songs for everyone to join in with.

Under new MD Eugene Monteith and accompanied by a brass ensemble, the choir will perform pieces by Handel and Rutter, among others.

Tickets (£10 for adults, £5 for anyone in full-time education) can be obtained from choir members, from Nickelby's bookshop or on the door on the evening.

The choral practices on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Ysgol y Ddraig in Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major. Open to all – there are no auditions, you simply must enjoy singing all kinds of music!

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

UPPER OGMORE PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS WIND FARM & ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT



Garnag Lloyd Hill Wind Farm, Powys, height to tip 123m (the illustration is only for illustrative purposes only)

RES is exploring the potential for a wind farm of up to 8 turbines and an energy storage project at Upper Ogmere, between Abergwynt, Blaengarw and Nant-y-moel, in Bridgend County. It is anticipated that the wind farm could be capable of generating approximately 24 megawatts (MW) of clean, green and renewable electricity – enough to power approximately 21,000 homes, equivalent to the annual consumption of 33% of the households in Bridgend County.

We are keen to engage with the local community and as part of our pre-application consultation we are holding public exhibitions in the local area to enable people to find out more about the proposal and provide us with their views.

If you cannot attend, comments on the proposal must be provided by phone 029 2002 1074 or writing to Chris Jackson, Project Manager via email at upperogmore@res-group.com or by post at RES, Cedar House, Greenwood Close, Cardiff Cate Business Park, Cardiff, CF23 8RD.

TUESDAY

28th November 2017
10 am to 2 pm
Gwynfa Miners Community Hall, Jersey Road, Blaengarw
4pm to 8pm
Nantymoel RFC, 82-84 Ogwy Street, Nantymoel

WEDNESDAY

29th November 2017
10 am to 2 pm
Cwmparc Community Centre & Parc Hall, Parc Road, Cwmparc
4pm to 8pm
Blaengarw Workmen's Hall, Blaengarw

Persons submitting comments in response to the Pre-Application Consultation are advised that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representative of the determining authority. There will be no opportunity to submit representative comments to the determining authority should a planning application be made. The homes equivalent figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on RES studies Upper Ogmere has a predicted capacity factor of 41.5%) and dividing this by the annual average electricity consumption figures from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (2015) 14,071 kWh.



Rhoose Lifeguards receive funding boost for equipment

R H O O S E Lifeguards have this week received the news that they have been recognised by the UK Government as an outstanding lifeboat charity and will by extension be pocketing a slice of the £1 million of UK Government funding available to boost search and rescue efforts.

Rhoose Lifeguards join a further four lifeboat charities across the length and breadth of Wales who are set to receive this UK Government funding. The Rhoose club, who will receive £5,679 are looking to spend the

funding on a new motor for their current lifeboat, and other vital maritime equipment that will complement their training programme.

Upon hearing the news of Rhoose Lifeguards being granted the funding, Simon Perry, vice captain said: "Having this government grant means we can replace our ageing equipment ensuring we can provide a more reliable voluntary lifeboat service to the community in Rhoose. It will also allow us to engage more young people in the sport and spread the message about first aid and safety at the seaside."

Vale MP Alun Cairns added: "I am delighted that this great local club is set to receive such a

substantial sum. Rhoose Lifeguards carry out fantastic work in training lifesavers of all ages and it is always a pleasure to witness how engaged even their youngest members are in the

maritime activities. "Visiting the club to congratulate them on receiving this recognition, it was clear to see how much enjoyment the club gives to its numerous 'nippers' and 'juniors'.

Rhoose Lifeguards is a thoroughly deserving recipient of this funding and I look forward to seeing how it will help them develop and grow as a club."

The Barry and District League table and results

HERE are the latest results from the Barry and District League:

CRIB DIVISION 1:
West End 6, Moors Boys 9; West End Runaways 7, Liberals 8; Wyndham Cons 11, Rhoose Social 4.

LEAGUE TABLE:
West End Runaways 73; Liberals 72; Wyndham Cons 70; Cadoxton Cons 62; Rhoose Social 58; West End 58; Moors Boys 57.

SKITTLES
DIVISION 1: Slammers 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Sea View B 6, Rugby Club 1; Allsorts 3, Rhoose Social 4; Barry Town FC 4, Rhoose Social B 3; Liberals A 5½, Rhoose Social C 6, Liberals C 1; West End D 4½, King William XII 2½.

LEAGUE TABLE:
Rugby Club 44.5, West End D 39.0, King William XII 34.5, West End C 34.0, Rhoose Social B 33.0, Allsorts 31.0, Slammers 31.0, Rhoosters 30.0, hoose Social A 29.0, Sea View C 26.0, Liberals A 25.0, Barry Town FC 23.0, Cambrian Flyers 22.0, Liberals C 20.5, *Barries Boys 11.0.

DIVISION 1:
Services Social B 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4; Savoy B 2, Wyndham Cons A 3; Cadoxton Cons B 2, Savoy A 3; Penarth Cons A 1, West End C 4.

LEAGUE TABLE:
Harbour B 39, Savoy A 30, Cadoxton Cons Z 27, Wyndham Cons A 26, West End C 24, Services Social B 22, Savoy B

17, Liberators 15, Rhoose Social B 15, Penarth Cons A 12.

SNOOKER
DIVISION 2: Cadoxton Misfits 5, Penarth Cons B 0; Castle A 2, Market Street B 3; Sully Sports A 4, West End B 1; Rhoose Social C 1, Cadoxton Cons A 4, Market Street C 3, Wyndham Cons D 2, West End A 2, Harbour A 3.

LEAGUE TABLE:
Cadoxton Misfits 36, Rhoose Social C 34, Market Street B 33, Market Street C 29, Harbour A 28, Wyndham Cons D 28; Cadoxton Cons A 27, West End A 27, Penarth Cons B 24, Sully Sports A 22, West End B 22, Castle A 15.

* = Points deducted.
All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

Another win for in-form Evan

EVAN WILLIAMS' six-year-old Present Times landed the opening Premier League Handicap Hurdle at Exeter on Wednesday, November 15, when scoring by one-and-a-quarter lengths from the strongly fancied ForgettingTheSmall Talk.

Partnered by Adam Wedge, *Present Times*, who was racing for the first time this season, was winning for the third time on the bounce and was a 16-1 outsider.

TIM'S WOLVERHAMPTON WINNER

VALE trainer Tim Vaughan saw his *Bleu Et Noir* land the Betway Live Casino Maiden Stakes over one mile, one furlong and 104 yards at Wolverhampton last Saturday evening.

Bleu Et Noir, a 15-8 chance, and at six the oldest horse in the race, was ridden by K T

O'Neill and finished six lengths in front of the favourite *Luminous*.

BRACE OF WINS FOR BRACE

DAVID BRACE of the Dunraven Stud, Pyle, Bridgend, who saw his 16-year-old grandson Connor Brace have his first race rides at the Bishops Court Club Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bishops Court Ottery, St Mary, on Sunday had plenty to smile about.

For as well as seeing Connor taking fourth place in the conditions race on *Silver Token* and second place on *William Money* in the mixed open race, he came away with a double after his *Doc Cody* had landed the restricted race and his *Colorado Doc* the conditions race.

Both were ridden by Bradley Gibbs and there was further success for Wales when Sherree Lean's *Moree* won the intermediate under champion jockey Will Biddick.

BRIAN LEE

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

PREMIER DIVISION leaders Barry Athletic needed a last gasp equaliser from Connor Caton to salvage a point against bottom side Cowbridge Town in a 1-1 draw.

Athletic stay top of the league, two points ahead of St Athan who trounced Penarth Town 5-1 with Craig Howells bagging a treble, and St Athan do have a game in hand on the leaders.

FC Barry Belgrade edged out Island Marine 3-2 to go third, Belgrade now two points off second having played two games less.

In Division One, Sully Sports continued to dominate as they picked up a 2-0 derby victory over Cogan Coronation. The win keeps Sully undefeated and seven points clear of SP Billy.

SP kept in touch with the leaders after coming from behind to defeat Penarth Town B 5-2, Lee Carter, Steven Coxon and Richard Drew the goalscorers.

Cwm Talwg picked up their first win since August over the same opposition as that last win, as they downed Cadoxton Imps 5-2 with goals courtesy of James Morrison, Luke Brody Miles and Josh Kirke.

Cardiff Airport and Tynewydd played an goalless draw.

In Division Two, bottom side Glenbrook picked up their very first points of the season, and their first league win in a year, and they did it in some fashion as they completely demolished St Athan B 8-1.

League leaders Cadoxton Barry won by an usual scoreline of 10-3 as Kai Ingram notched five goals against BV. The result puts Cadoxton Barry five points clear of Vale Madrid after they drew 3-3 with BRT Dynamos, Mitchell Thomas, Cole Roberts and Joseph Hewings getting the goals for Dynamos.

Max Morgan grabbed a hat trick as Llantwit Major continued their 100 per cent record with a mammoth 8-2 win over Barry Albion; Major sit third and seven points off top with three games in hand.

Finally, Island Marine B and Rhoose B played out a 1-1 draw with Chris Scott and Liam Butcher getting the goals respectively.

This week sees Island Marine represent the league in the SWFA Senior Cup. In league action, the game of the day looks like being in division one as SP Billy play Cogan.

HD

Barry sponsor for Ysgol Bro girls' football team



NINA Estate Agents were pleased to contribute towards the costs of buying new kits for the girls' football team at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry.

One of the girls' parents, Michael Goode,

knew that the Barry estate agents are keen to support local sporting activities, so he approached Nina to see if they would be interested and they were delighted to help out.

Nina recently visited the school to see the new kit and meet the girls before a game. They must have brought them some luck, as they beat

the team from Cardiff High 5-1 in the Welsh Cup!

A spokesperson for the estate agents said: "Nina Estate Agents Ltd are thrilled to sponsor the girls at Bro Morgannwg and would like to congratulate the girls on their success with their recent victory against Cardiff High."

Good win for under-12s

COWBRIDGE RFC under-12s hosted a new opponent at the Police Fields on Sunday with Carmarthen Quins making the journey from the west.

It was a tight affair with defensive lines holding firm throughout the first half. Although with Cowbridge gaining momentum, it was the Quins who struck first, a loose ball finding the powerful winger who broke into stride and couldn't be stopped to open the score at 7-0 with the successful conversion.

However, the hosts, still recovering from their last-minute loss the week before, came back strong.

With the pack securing the ball at the breakdown, the platform was set for the backline to work the ball quickly through the hands and the in-form Jake Davies at outside centre to take the try.

With a missed conversion, the scores sat at 7-5 to the visitors.

The resurgent form of the hosts continued and the end of the first half witnessed a period of intense pressure from Cowbridge in the Quins half.

It eventually told with quick ball freeing up a superlative run from Jake Davies to again go over for the try.

The conversion from Sam Sheppard had Cowbridge at 12-7 at the half.

The second half was an equally fierce affair with both sides making probing runs and powerful defensive lines holding firm.

It was the Quins who finished the game the strongest, camped in the Cowbridge half.

However the defence was resolute and the game finished with the score as it was at the half, 12-7 to the hosts.

The good run of form continues, well done, boys.

PS

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, November 14 a full programme of league matches was completed.

Unfortunately, the Red Lion Inn was unable to field a team, so Llanharry were awarded the nine points. The Edmondess B beat the Farmers Arms 8-1 and Highwayman Inn beat the One Town Hall Square by the same score, while the Six Bells Inn beat the Edmondess C 7-2.

The closest match of the evening was at the Farmers Arms where the Edmondess A just beat the Hairy Farmers 5-4 with the last throw of the evening.

The number of 180 throws this season continued to increase with both Andy Bryan (Six Bells Inn) and Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms) hitting 180. Another notable performance was Tim Lewis (Six Bells Inn) who hit a bull out.

Present league standings, after eight


weeks, are: Edmondess B (46 points), Llanharry and Six Bells Inn (44), Highwayman Inn (40), Hairy Farmers (39), Edmondess C (34), Edmondess A (33), Farmers Arms (29), Victoria Inn (25), One Town Hall Square (16) and Red Lion Inn (10).

Next week, Tuesday November 28, another full programme of league matches will be played. The Edmondess A hosts the Llanharry, the Farmers Arms hosts the Victoria Inn, the Edmondess C hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Six Bells Inn hosts the Hairy Farmers and the One Town Hall Square hosts the Edmondess B.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul a

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13 62 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI SE Technik 2dr, sat nav, 18" alloys, pdc, white, full leather



16 66 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L 5dr, Skoda warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, 7k, choice



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Barry Town United's league hopes suffer setback after defeat

BARRY Town United's hopes of moving into the top half of the JD Welsh Premier League suffered a setback at Newtown on Saturday, as Gavin Chesterfield's men succumbed to a surprise 3-0 defeat.

Arriving in good spirits after their successive wins against The New Saints and Llandudno, Gavin Chesterfield fielded an attack-minded XI, with forward Drew Fahiya coming in for Paul Morgan.

It was leading goalscorer Kayne McLaggon, though, who would pose the Town's first major threat, running with confidence at four Newtown defenders, only to fire his shot high over the crossbar.

Later, in what was a promising first half for the visitors, teammate Jordan Cotterill took aim at his first JD Welsh Premier League goal of the season, dragging the ball inside and forcing a low parry out of Robins goalkeeper Dave Jones, with Fahiya sadly unable to capitalise on the rapid-fire rebound.

However, the Town's opportunities would not reap the opening goal the players coveted and they eventually found themselves punished by a Newtown outfit who showed great character to bounce back from their narrow Nathaniel MG Cup semi-final defeat in



Action from the game. All pictures by Heath Photography.

midweek to in-form sidefooted home for 1-0.

Capitalising on a free-kick from summertime signing Jojo Harris, Luke Boundford had missed out in Newtown's previous fixtures but was keen to make his mark on his one, leaping above Chris Hugh and heading the ball to former Wrexham man Nick Rushton, who failed to convert his opportunity.

Then, with little over an hour played, the deadlock was broken and Barry found themselves behind. After striker Neil Mitchell took advantage of a favourable bounce off Luke Cooper's head, the number seven delivered a fine through ball to winger James Murphy, who immediately looked a threat on goal.

Although Murphy found his path obscured by Hugh, Macaulay Southam and skipper Ryan Evans, he soon squared it smartly to Tom Goodwin and the former player of the year

played in Division 2 against our Camelots team. So, we lost 3-2 but it could so easily have been the Gambits' first win of the season.

For the Gambits, who sit at the bottom of the table, this is the halfway stage in the normal season before the play-offs begin. The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether

no mistake to blast beyond the Barry goalkeeper and seal a win welcomed with open arms by the Latham Park faithful.

With Newtown climbing to 15 points, the mid-Walians now sit two points adrift of Barry Town, who remain level with Llandudno on 17, after the Seaside were beaten 1-0 at home by The New Saints.

This Saturday, the Town travel to The Rock to battle sixth-placed Cefn Druids in a 2.30pm kick-off, looking to avenge their 3-1 defeat to the side from Cefn Mawr, Wrexham region earlier in the campaign.

AC

Quiet week for chess club

THIS was a relatively quiet week for the Barry Chess Club with only two league matches to report.

Both of the matches were away to the team currently in top spot in Divisions 2 and 4. We didn't expect too much from these games.

In the second division the Quarks are at the opposite end of the table to the Pentrych A team. With an average rating differential of 358 we didn't expect to pick up anything, so to return home with a half point was quite an achievement.

It's thanks to John Ryles to save our blushes. We remain adrift at the bottom of the table and even before we get to the halfway point in the season, relegation seems certain.

In Division 4, the Gambits travelled to Cardiff to play the Cavaliers. Unfortunately, we could only field four players, so were a game down before the first piece was moved.

It is a rare event when we outrate any of our opponents but for John Stephenson and Sam White, this was the case. Both of our players earned draws.

Ken Curry earned a good win against an opponent who recently

played in Division 2 against our Camelots team.

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New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

WEEK commencing November 13, Division 1:

Bakers Dozen 279 (M.Western 32), Red Admiral 225 (J.Jones 29); Coppers 335 (L.Tiley 32), Family and Friends 329 (S.Brown 33); Space Finders 331 (R.Whyman 37), Barry Stars 325 (T.Johnson 35); Family Affair 213 (S.Evans, A.Price, S.Vincent and M. Newman 23), Colcot Ladies 238 (C.Fenton 28); Allsorts 271 (S.Tierney 29), Cigar Ladies 282 (L.Coleman 29); Cadoxton Cons Fillies 252 (J.Gee 29), Fallen Angels 219 (C.Phillips 27).

Division 2: Castle Bandits 224 (J.Grant 35), Rhoeuse Starlights 225 (S.Oliver 27), Roller Coasters 222 (G.Giles 29), Breakaways 221 (J.Watkins and V.Marten 23); La Bells 320 (R.Clogg 34), Witchill Widows 286 (N.Barnfield 30); Bobby's Girls 250 (P.Soloman

27), Airways Angels 238 (J.Thomas and M.Carpetner 25); Challengers 302 (B.Griffiths 30), Sea View Lights 239 (P.Forrester and A.Bird 31).

Division 3: Uptown Girls 239 (A.Hobbs 26), Rebels 210 (C.Carter 25); Sea view Ladies 259 (F.Butler 28), After Eights 233 (P.Mephram 31); Little Devils 238 (G.Bowen 29), Merry Makers 210 (C.Morse and M.Payne 26); Dolly Mixtures 215 (T.Roswell 27), Persuaders 229 (M.Appleby 27).

Division 4: Nite Outers 208 (C.Mitchem 24), Witches 213 (C.Kemp 26); Socialites 248 (R.Hooper and J.Holden 26), Aristocats 188 (M.Robson 26); Guardian Angels 139 (S.Aston 24), Odd Bods 186 (K.Dutton 24); Optimists 256 (S.Johnson 25), Witchill Wanderers 209 (C.Nicholson 23).

HB

Barry RFC's trip to capital hits the Rocks!

BARRY RFC travelled to Cardiff for a noon kick off against St Peters last Saturday and produced a performance which left the small band of visiting supporters frustrated and disappointed to say the least.

With ex-international centre Mark Ring as coach, it was a given that the Rocks would be keen to move the ball around and the early minutes confirmed this as they put the Barry defence to the test with their pace and the advantage of the wind assisting their kicking.

It was not long before they reached the Barry 22, where they got a penalty to take the lead.

The Barry scrum was blowing hot and cold and under pressure conceded another penalty that, via the upright, increased the Rocks' lead to 6-0.

Finally, it looked as though Barry were waking up as they attacked from the restart and following a good move upfield, forced the Rocks to concede a penalty which Barross slotted over to reduce the arrears.

From the restart Hadfield made a superb break to take Barry into Rocks territory and again forced a penalty which this time Barross missed against the gusting wind.

Further pressure came to nothing as another penalty was conceded, allowing the Rocks to counter attack and although Barry defended this, yet again the referee penalised them with the kick giving the Rocks a six point lead again.

Barry attacked from the restart and got close to the line where the move was halted illegally.

Taking the option to touch Barry then lost the lineout. This proved costly as the Rocks swiftly moved the ball wide and while Barry's scrambling defence stopped the move, yet again the referee saw an infringement, giving the Rocks an easy penalty for 12-3 lead as the half-time whistle went.

Having soaked up most of the pressure, and against the wind, Barry would have been quite content with the scoreline and with the second half to come with the wind and numerical advantage it was felt that, should they obtain enough possession, they were capable turning the lead over.

Unfortunately, this was not to be the case in the early minutes, as basic errors crept into their game, from being turned over or losing attacking lineouts, and chances were missed.

It took a piece of individual brilliance from Barross to stop the rot when, collecting the ball in his own 22, he set off on a dazzling run which took him into the home 22.

When halted, he found White in support who released Provis to cross for a superb try wide out. Although the conversion failed, Barry had got themselves back to within touching distance of the Rocks.

Regrettably, Barry went back to their old ways and were wasting potential opportunities to score. Things were not being helped as the game became littered with penalties to both sides, giving the game a stop-start feel and killing any momentum either side achieved.

Luckily, the penalties which Barry conceded were in the home 22 and, with the strong wind, clearing their lines was proving difficult for the Rocks.

Barry were camped in the home 22 but were finding the Rocks' defence difficult to break down. The pressure was finally rewarded as they were awarded a penalty which Barross fired over and now the score

was 12-11 with still some time to go.

Again, Barross sent the restart 60 metres back, to within five metres of the Rocks line, to maintain the pressure but all to no avail as they cleared their lines and received the benefit of Barry kicking the ball dead to lose valuable territory.

Barry were showing their frustration in their inability to breach the defence which only led to more errors being made and played right into the hands of the Rocks.

With a mixture of these errors and continuing penalty awards, the game was drifting away from Barry who seemed devoid of ideas, lacking any control or tactical awareness.

The final whistle went and Barry will know this was a game they certainly should have won. Despite this being only their third loss this season, I'm sure the players realise what's needed and must be more consistent week in, week out.

With the autumn internationals in full swing the next game is on December 9 when they entertain Llanishen in a league fixture.

This date coincides with the club's annual Christmas draw. The recent lack of rugby at the club has meant it has been difficult to distribute tickets for sale.

If you are able to sell or want some for yourself, tickets are available at the bar on any evening or, even better, come to the club this Saturday when both the Scotland and Wales games will be live on the big screen from 1.30pm.

While you're there, take the opportunity to enter the club lottery, which this week stands at £7,400 as last week's numbers of 06, 10, 18 and 20 were not matched.

AJ

Brynhill ladies enjoy annual dinner event



Olwen presenting cheque to Olivia from the Alzheimer's Society.

FOLLOWING a successful Christmas fayre, the ladies of Brynhill Golf Club got together for their annual dinner on Friday, November 10.

Ladies captain Olwen Thomas, assisted by vice captain Sam Pascoe, hosted a very successful evening which included a fantastic raffle and a money spinning game. £172 was raised and sent to the Children in Need appeal.

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A TOUGH DAY AT THE OFFICE AS THE LELOS SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS



FRUSTRATION FOR WALES AS GEORGIA MAKE THEIR CASE TO JOIN TOP TABLE NATIONS

by PHILIP IRWIN

IT was all going so well for Wales in this game – the ‘easy’ one of the four autumn internationals.

Twenty minutes into the game, my main concern was how to use ‘two Rhys’s’ or ‘Rhys double’ in a headline.

Rhys Webb was back from injury, looking sharp as a knife. After only four minutes he cut through the Georgian defence, and he continued in that vein.

Meanwhile, Rhys Priestland was proving that his time in Bath has revived his career. He was incisive and directed all of Wales’ attacks.

That unpleasant period when the Welsh crowd (for reasons I still can’t grasp) had turned against him was confined to history.

He kicked an early penalty, and then gave a sharp inside pass to Cuthbert, who probably should have scored, but who was denied by a tackle from the Georgian scrum half, Lobzhanidze, that stopped him grounding the ball.

It mattered little, because soon after Priestland worked a run-around with centre Owen Watkin and threw a long pass to Hallam Amos, who strolled over in the corner. Priestland’s conversion made it 10-0.

After 23 minutes, Wales scored a great try. Nicky Smith contested possession in a maul, and the ball popped out. Prop Leon Brown and number eight Seb Davies appreciated that the backs needed it quickly, and then Priestland and Scott Williams transferred the ball to Hallam Amos, who raced 70 metres to score.

Amid the celebrations, it took a while to register that referee Mathieu Rayland had asked TMO Leo Colgan to have a look at it, in particular the moment when the ball popped free.

This seemed harsh. It could be argued that as both forwards had a hand on the ball, it could just as easily have gone backward from a Georgian hand as forward from Smith’s.

I can’t help feeling that in the days before TMOs, a referee would never have disallowed such a fine effort. Indeed, on the same day when Scotland played New Zealand, the All Blacks scored one terrific breakaway try that, in its very early stages, had a possibly forward pass. In this case, no reference to the TMO took place, and my gut feeling is that it was just decision.

Cast your minds back to 1973, that Gareth Edwards try against the All Blacks. Would a TMO have got finicky about the pass from Quinnell to Edwards? It doesn’t bear thinking about.

Anyway, back to the game, because sadly it was all downhill from then for Wales.

They were penalised at the very next scrum and Matiashvili kicked a penalty to make it 10-3.

The Georgians then had a good 10 minutes. Their attack may have been a touch pedestrian, but left wing Miriani Modebadze caused a few flutters when he beat two men to spark a dangerous attack. Cuthbert did well to get back to minor the kick ahead.

Just before half time there was time for Wales to decline a kickable penalty (well, it was going well at that point) and two minutes later Scott Williams went for the long pass when drawing his man and



Georgia made their case for inclusion in the Six Nations

passing would probably have done the trick.

So, 10-3 at half time was not what it could have been, but it’s doubtful if anyone in the crowd was worried. That was certainly the gist of the half time interview between the BBC’s Ross Harries and Wales hooker Ken Owens, who was rested for this game.

Ross said: “Can Wales, after 20 minutes of the second half, exploit the Georgians’ lack of fitness and tiredness from all the defending they are having to do?”

Ken agreed, although perhaps he was just being polite. He could have said that many of the Georgian pack, in particular, were playing serious rugby in France and England, and even if they were tired, they were able to use substitutes.

It’s likely that the crowd felt the same, and I wonder if that feeling can transfer from the terraces to the field. I’m quite sure that Gatland and Shaun Edwards emphasised how much work was still to be done, but in the end the second half belonged to Georgia.

Eight minutes into the half, the Welsh scrum were in trouble and conceded a penalty, making it 10-6.

What’s more, referee Rayland called Wales captain Dan Lydiate over and told him that in his opinion, Georgia were the dominant scrum, and barring attempts to con him, any future scrum collapses would see Wales penalised.

Wales responded by immediately changing both props. Wyn Jones and Tomas Francis came on for Nicky Smith and Leon Brown – forcing Mr Rayland to re-assess the situation.

By coincidence, it later transpired that Brown’s legs were cramping up – but more of that later.

On the 60-minute mark, Priestland kicked a penalty to get Wales to 13-6, but Georgia were in the ascendancy, and it needed resolute defence to keep them out.

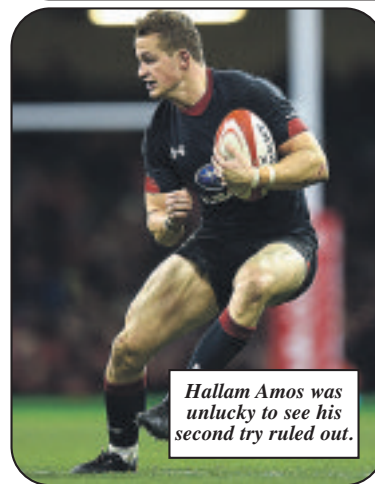
What’s more, it seemed a matter of time before a Welsh scrum infringement might bring a yellow card – although Wales did produce one drive at the scrum that earned them a penalty – cue massive congratulations all round.

However, that yellow card did come, but not from a scrum. Tomas Francis charged in to a ruck and referee Mayland sent him off. Time was nearly up, and this led to chaos, which has been much debated over recent days.

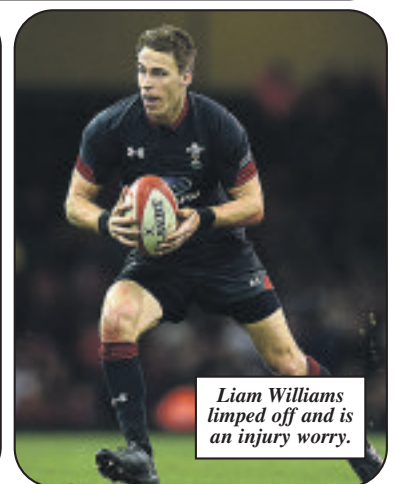
Georgia declined to kick the penalty, but wanted



Wales try a line out catch and drive with Kristian Dacey in possession at the tail. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.



Hallam Amos was unlucky to see his second try ruled out.



Liam Williams limped off and is in an injury worry.

a scrum against the depleted Welsh pack. However, for that to happen, Wales needed to bring back one of the previously substituted props. Brown and Smith appeared on the touchline, but then a Welsh official explained to the referee that they were both injured. Brown’s cramps were still cramping, and Smith had been kicked on the calf.

Wales offered hooker Kristian Dacey, and uncontested scrums. At this point, Georgia were not happy, and changed their mind, going for a kick to the corner instead of a scrum – trying for a catch and drive instead.

Afterwards, there was some discussion about whether they were allowed to do this, but it was all a bit chaotic.

Georgia caught the ball at the line out, but Wales were able to repel the drive. A few phases later,

Georgia were penalised and Wales celebrated their 13-6 win.

A number of old hands, Martyn Williams and Xavier Rush in the forefront, described it as a very poor spectacle. However Warren Gatland will have learned some useful things – relating to how his young players cope with pressure.

One assumes that familiar faces will be back for next Saturday’s clash with the All Blacks – who looked both brilliant and vulnerable against a promising Scotland who played a high tempo game.

High tempo was not a description that could be applied to Wales v Georgia, but for the strong men from eastern Europe, it was mission accomplished.

They made their case for more top international games. It is hard to see how the Six Nations can remain Six for much longer.



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